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Grim Euro Disney Audit Cites a Danger of Closing

New York Times Service
PARIS — Auditors of Euro Disney said Wednesday that the troubled theme park would have to close if negotiations with creditor banks and the company's parent. Walt Disney Co., did not soon result in agreement on a financial rescue of the re-

"The group will need financial support to face its contractual obligations in the 1994 accounting year," said PS Audit, a unit of Price Waterhouse & Co.

"If the financial restructuring measures envisaged do not reach a conclusion in sufficient time, the group will have cash problems and will not be able to continue its

The comment accompanied the official publication of disastrous results for the year ended Sept. 30, announced last month by Euro Disney SCA. The company acknowl-edged then that it could face a "liquidity problem" after losing 5.3 billion frames, or

\$920 million, in its first full fiscal year. Creditor banks have begun negotiations with Euro Disney and Walt Disney Co. on a scant progress up to now.

One possibility under review is that part of Euro Disney's more than \$3.7 billion in debt could be converted into equity. But the banks — which include Banque Nationale de Paris, Crédit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, Midland Bank, J. P. Morgan and Banque

Indosuez — are reluctant to accept such a plan until they have evidence that the theme park's performance will improve.

Walt Disney, which owns 49 percent of Euro Disney and has agreed to pump in money for a limited period, is also discussing with banks how any injection of new capital would be shared between them.

Some officiels close to the talks now Walt. Some officials close to the talks say Walr Disney wants banks to at least match its

own contribution. In a statement that appeared designed to play down the impact of the auditors' remarks, Euro Disney officials said the com-ments were consistent with its earlier acknowledgment of a potential liquidity

"Consistent with this disclosure, the statutory auditors have stated that the company See DISNEY, Page 15



Mr. de Klerk leaving the final session of South Africa's white Parliament on Wednesday.

For South Africa, 'A New Beginning'

Parliament Puts End to Apartheid, Paving Way for Black Majority Rule

By Kenneth B. Noble

New York Times Service
CAPE TOWN — The South African Parliament strongly ratified a new interim constitu-tion on Wednesday, officially ending nearly three centuries of white rule and guaranteeing full citizenship to the nation's 30 million blacks.

The legislature's clear endorsement of the constitution —237 votes to 45 — was a boon to the spirits of government negotiators and leaders of the main opposition group, the African National Congress, who had been badly shaken in recent days by mounting opposition to the

The constitution was opposed mostly by rightist members of the Conservative Party who have already said they would resist any attempt to enforce it upon them. They stood up and sang the country's soon to be replaced national anthem on Wednesday. But the atmosphere inside the chamber was generally restrained, as the members effectively voted the minorityruled Parliament out of existence.

"Now, for the first time, the future holds the promise of a better tomorrow," said Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, who also noted that this would be the last Christmas under white minority rule in South Africa,

Next year, be added, must "be the year in which all South Africans, regardless of race, creed or gender, must take bands and work together to bring an end to the terrible violence that is tearing our country apart." Mr. Mandela was en route for a Christmas vacation in the

President Frederik W. de Klerk said the parliamentary session on Wednesday, which may be the last under white rule, should not be

"It is not the end, but a new beginning," he said. There would be another Parliament, "but this time a Parliament without a legitimacy

The vote in effect ended seven years of nego-tiating that began in Mr. Mandela's jail cell, and became over the last two years a graeling. diplomatic struggle involving up to 26 political parties and government bodies.

Much of that effort was directed at creating a formula that would calm whites who lear for their safety and their property under a mainly

black government, without giving minorities the power to paralyze democracy.

The result was a nearly 200-page constitution, which will serve as South Africa's supreme law until an elected assembly can write a permanent version. It promises minority parties seats in a 27-member cabinet for the first five years, and accepts the notion of protecting the jobs and pensions of white soldiers and civil servants. It is backed up by a long list of "fundamental rights" with a powerful constitu-

tional court. South Africa is still split by fierce racial, ethnic and regional divisions, however, and outside the Parliament building the enactment of the constitution stirred feelings of bitterness and recrimination among some.

The key obstacle to the new order has come from the Freedom Alliance, a formidable coalition of Afrikaner separatists, white supremacists, fervent anti-Communists and Chief Man-gosutbu Buthelezi, head of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, who fear being shoved to the political periphery during the transition to black-majority rule.

At a news conference Wednesday morning, Ferdi Hartzenberg of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party vowed to wage a "liberation struggle" if its demand for a autonomous white homeland was not met. He said he was convinced such a struggle would succeed.

"The fact that the Afrikaner nation, the Zulu nation and the Tswana nation are not accommodated means there is not a solution at this stage," be said.

But Cvril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general of the ANC, said any leader who failed to take part in the electoral process would be "digging a political grave for himself."

Moreover, Mr. de Klerk has said that he is villing to use force if necessary to prevent the boldouts from disrupting elections.

Two days of talks here between the government and the African National Congress on one side, and the Freedom Alliance on the other, failed to resolve their differences, most of which hinge on questions of self-determination and regional authority.

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The architects of apartheid created 10 tribal bomelands, planning to groom them for auton-See RATIFY, Page 7

Ultranationalist Warns Of New Russian Weapon

'Annihilate' World 'More Open Style'

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches VIENNA - Russia possesses far more formidable weapons than its nuclear arms, the nationalist politician Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky

said Wednesday. Mr. Zhirinovsky, who shocked both the West and Russian reformers with his success in Russa's parliamentary elections, said that the weaponry, which he called "Elipton," was not nuclear, but that it had "the capacity to annihilate the whole world." Mr. Zhirmovsky made

Zhirmovsky's visit ruffles some feathers in Germany, Page 7...

the remarks in a rambling two-hour news conference during a private visit to Austria.

In London, Paul Beaver, editor of Jane's Defense Weekly, said Mr. Zhirinovsky's comexcellent connections inside the army and the defense industrial complex."

Mr. Zhirinovsky gave no further details, but. Mr. Beaver said Elipton "might be a new weap-on for the 21st century that Russians and Americans are trying to develop which is so secret that we don't even know the code name." The weapon, Mr. Beaver said, could be one

originally conceived for use in space, similar to experimental arms developed for the Strategic Defense Initiative in the United States. Such a weapon would energize electrons in a beam to destroy the molecular structure of a target, he

Mr. Beaver said that for the last decade Russia had been trying to make such weapons small enough to be used in tanks, but he did not know how far they had succeeded.

He added that Jane's believed that Russia had developed a neutron bomb, a nuclear device that produces enhanced levels of radiation. Such a bomb would cause high numbers of casualties but relatively little property damage due to blast effects.

Mr. Zhirinovsky also told the West to keep out of Russian internal affairs, saying Russia's stock of nuclear and chemical arms could "easily" slip out of control in a Russian civil war instigated by certain Western quarters."
He also insisted that President Boris N. Yelt-

sin must call presidential elections in 1994, as he once promised. And Mr. Zhirinovsky boasted that he would win such an election. "Two years ago, I got 8 percent," Mr. Zhirin-ovsky said, referring to the 1991 presidential election. "Now it's 25 percent. So next year, over 50 percent.— and that's victory."

Mr. Yeltsin, he said, will get "maximum 10

Mr. Zhinnovsky spent Wednesday as the guest of a former Waffen SS elite Nazi soldier in the remote Alpine village of Reichenfels in southern Austria. His host, Edwin Neuwirth, 67, is a business-

man who says he met the Russian two years

Mr. Zhirinovsky devoted much of the news conference to rejecting the expansionist and racist opinions ascribed to him on the basis of comments he has given to the media since he appeared on Russia's political scene three years (AFP, Remers)

Device Could Yeltsin Promises

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin vowed Wednesday to stick with his foreign and economic policies despite the gains of national-ist and Communist forces in parliamentary

Offering his first substantive response to the Dec. 12 elections during an hourlong Kremlin news conference, Mr. Yeltsin promised changes in his government, including a sharp reduction

anthority. Page 2.

in its size and a "new, more open style." He also promised to cooperate with the new parliament and said he believed it would work construc-

But for the most part, Mr. Yeltsin offered little in the way of concessions to what many analysis described as an anti-reform, nationalist backlash among the electorate.

In marked contrast to many people, including his own prime minister, Mr. Yelisin did not call for sharp changes and did not blame his reformist deputy prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar, or other liberals in his government.

"Gaidar remains, which means the course he is pursuing also remains." Mr. Yeltsin said. "Together with the president and government, of course."

The president said Russians still favored reforms, but wanted them carried out more professionally, with less corruption, crime and confusion. Both in approving a new constitution and electing a new parliament, Mr. Yeltsin said,

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Shanghai Sprints to Catch the Modern World

By Patrick E. Tyler

New York Times Service SHANGHAI — If there is a swaggerer in this part of the world, its name is Shanghai. This Chinese city is racing to recapture the glory of capitalism that flourished here 60 years ago and crumbled under Communism.

Recently released private speeches by China's leader. Deng Xiaoping, make it clear that Chioa's largest industrial city was

excluded from the boom unleashed 15 years ago. Back in 1978, fear of failure, and the untested nature of economic reform, left the 13 million residents of Shanghai on the sidelines for more than a decade as "special economic zones" to invent a Chinese capitalism took off along the

Today Shanghai is racing to catch up, laying the foundations of a financial capital with a \$40 billion in public works and a development plan that is purting factories in the rice fields of

Pudong, on the cast bank of the Huang Pu River, which divides Shanghai.

The reformers plan to activate the latent economic power of the Yangtze delta. To scan Shanghai's horizon is to see the scale of its transfor-

Construction cranes tower over buildozed neighborhoods as office towers, hotels and shopping centers are built with money from Hong Kong, Macso, Tsiwan and the United States.

The largest investor, bowever, is the government, which is laying roads and building bridges that will make the new city

In October the world's longest cable bridge opened over the Huang Pu. An elevated six-lane ring toad, a crosstown expressway and the first line of a subway are all in progress. The

harbor is growing, and water, gas and sewage works. A power plant is to start up next year. On the east bank of the river, facing the Bund, old Shang-

New York Times Service

partitioning of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

dragon" - could be an irresistible force after Mr. Deng is The publication of Mr. Deng's speeches was the first time

The tower was designed as a symbol for the ciry.

rising 1,500 feet (about 457 meters).

over free-market experiments.

In Bleak Bosnia Forecast,

CIA Sees Partition Likely

Shanghai residents heard his candid confession of last Febru-

hal's Art Deco waterfront of banks, trading houses and botels.

the skyline is dominated by Asia's tallest television tower.

Shanghai's program signals the end of ideological dehate

As Mayor Huang Ju likes to say, 400 million Chinese - 8

percent of the world's population linked in an expanding

Yangtze River economy with Shanghai as "the head of the

"One of my biggest mistakes." he said, was to exclude Shanghai from the economic zones set up after a meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee in December 1978. That See SHANGHAL, Page 13

Kiosk

Paramount Said to Endorse QVC Bid

Paramount Communications Inc. has rec- or abandon its long-held plans to merge with ommended that stockholders accept a \$10.2 Paramount. hillion takeover offer by QVC Network Inc.

an adviser to QVC said Wednesday in New by Paramount, both QVC and Viacom have 10

business days following the board's endorse-

The endorsement, while not binding, intensified pressure on Viacom Inc. to raise its offer long takeover battle. (Page 9)

Budget Passed, Italy Awaits Election

ROME (Reuters) — Italy's Senate ap—Scalfaro is now expected to call a March proved a 1994 budget Wednesday, clearing the election within days.

way for President Oscar Lingi Scalfaro to call Approval of the budget, a day earlier than landmark early general elections.

Originally planned, was keenly awaited by financial markets to bolster Italy's international

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insisted that parliament could not be dissolved credibility. Some analysts now expect a cut in until the austerity budget became law. Mr. the official 8 percent discount rate.

A French laboratory's bid to map DNA sets Bridge up a "library" of genes.

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Bosnia's factions make progress in talks but there is little bope for a swift solution. Page 6.

Where Christmas Comes, Thankfully, but Once a Year

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By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service
BETHLEHEM, Israeli-Occupied West Bank Norway had a 50-foot fir that it wanted to give to Bethlehem as a Christmas tree.

The symbolism was pretty obvious. Norway had brokered what is widely, if inaptly, heralded as the peace agreement between Israel

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of the Prince of Peace. But there is a moral to this tale, and it is that

Christmas is never simple in the not-so-little town of 50,000 where it all began. Israel's Agriculture Ministry stepped in. It

was concerned less about spreading peace than possibly spreading disease

lehem's long-serving mayor.

said a ministry spokesman, Roni Hassid. "This was to be a very old, mature tree with a potential for bringing with it many problems."

So the ministry said no to Norwegian wood.

"I tried to explain to them the political significance of this gift," lamented Elias Freij, Bethnights ago.
In the West, people complain that the spiritu-

deliberate hangdog look here, with no lights or parties or grand parades, to make the point that celebrating is out of the question under Israeli occupation. On Christmas Eve. the dreariness is deepened by the presence of Israeli soldiers.

But this year the politics changed, and so have the Christmas symbols.

The Israeli Army has done its part by dismaniling a fence trimmed with concerting wire at the Manger Square police station.

And the city has done its share, stringing lights across the square, festooning trees and in general putting on a bappier face for the 10,000 pilgrims expected on Christmas Eve.

It is hard, though, to escape the feeling that Christmas in Bethlehem has been comman-deered by the PLO, especially the mainstream El Fatah faction of Yasser Arafat. A religious holiday? Not really, says Nafez Rifai, who heads the office of El Fatah here.

"It's a Palestinian national holiday," he said. "We consider the Christ to be the first Palestin-Mr. Rifai laughed in a way that suggested his-

theology was not to be taken too seriously.

before the elections on Sunday in which Mr. Milosevic's party gained seats in the Serbian The Bush and Clinton administrations have supported an integral Bosnia-Herzegovina and have backed UN economic sanctions against Serbia. The Serbian government has supplied the Serbian forces that have taken control of about two-thirds of Bosma. Croatia, which has seized about 20 percent of the country, has avoided international economic sanctions.

atia, the agency said.

A document drawn from the assessment, called a National Intelligence Estimate, says it will be "difficult or impossible to undo" the large population shifts that resulted when hundreds of thousands of Muslims, Serbs and Croats were driven from their homes. Last week, David Kanin, the CIA's chief

analyst for Yugoslavia, alluded to plans by Serbian and Croatian leaders to annex portions of Bosnia-Herzegovina and to the prospect that Kosovo, an ethnically Albanian province of Serbia, will one day become part of Albania.

"I believe we are moving toward a greater Serbia, a greater Croatia and a greater Albania as result of this war," Mr. Kanin said during a



A Bosnian Croatian soldier taking a Christmas tree past a damaged building in Vitez

discussion at the Woodrow Wilson Center, an arm of the Smithsonian Institution here. "The issue is whether to manage it or ignore it."
"We are not trying to manage it." Mr. Kanin

said. "We're just ignoring it." Kent Harrington, the ClA director of public affairs, said: "We encourage our analysts to participate in academic discussions, but when

they do they speak as individuals and do not See BOSNIA, Page 6

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and the Palestine Liberation Organization, And Bethlehem, of course, is the biblical birthplace

Israeli and PLO negotiators were said to be close to an agreement on checkpoints. Page 6.

"Older trees tend to have more diseases,

Norway had to settle for sending Christmas lights, which were draped on a home-grown but less impressive tree in Manger Square. Then some grinch made off with the lights a few

al meaning of Christmas is engulled by a sea of commercialism. In Bethlehem, Christmas means politics, a linkage that has grown steadily stronger over the last six years of the Pales-tinian uprising known as the intifada. Under intifada rules, the holiday has had a

Israel's troop buildup each year tends to be a self-inflicted black eye in the public-relations field, reinforcing the sense of occupation and leading to less-than-flattering news stories.

Major Takes a Walk in Belfast and Challenges the IRA

By John Darnton

New York Times Service LONDON - On a surprise visit to Northero Ireland, Prime Minister John Major walked both the Roman Catholic and Protestant streets of Belfast on Wednesday to proselytize for the peace initiative that he launched with the Irish prime minister a week ago. - In an unusual foray for a British leader into West Belfast, where murals and graffiti proclaim support for the Irish Republican Army's campaign to drive the British out, Mr. Major challenged the political wing of the IRA to take up the initiative.

"There is a gauntlet down on the table," he said. "It is marked 'peace." It is there for Sinn Fein to pick it up. The onus is on them."

As he spoke, surrounded by rings of policemen and soldiers in battle gear and drawn weapons, he stood in an industrial enterprise zone not far from Milltown Cemetery, which has a special section reserved for the will die regretting it. Shame on you." Mr. Major IRA fallen. The most recent grave there is that of Thomas Begley, the 23-year-old "volunteer" who car-

Yeltsin to Oversee

He Sees 'More Independence'

TV and Radio Service, a new gov-ernment agency overseeing Rus-sian state television and radio.

"The man has great experience,

he has been dealing with the media all his life." Mr. Yeltsin said Wednesday. "I trust him."

Information Minister Vladimir

F. Shumeiko also said Mr. Yeltsin

was expected to sign a series of decrees dissolving his ministry and replacing it with several govern-

The Federal TV and Radio Ser-

vice is expected to oversee both of

Russian Television and Ostankino. also called Commonwealth TV.

The Information Ministry is to

be replaced by a Press Committee charged with helping Russian me-dia through difficult economic times. In addition, a presidential

Department on Mass Media will

help Mr. Yeltsin get his message

Mr. Yakovley, 70, was named the

Communist Party's secretary for ideology soon after Mr. Gorbachev

came to power in 1985. He gave newspapers, radio and television freedom to report on crime, homo-

sexuality. Western achievements and the crimes of the Soviet era.

official in Mr. Gorbachev's admin-

istration to be appointed by Mr.

Nazi oppression. It said soldiers

were neither trained for nor suited

to confronting street protesters and

would only make things worse.

The opposition Social Demo-crats urged Mr. Kohl to distance

himself from Mr. Schaüble's pro-

posal, but the chancellor made no

Mr. Schaüble, once seen as a

possible successor to Mr. Kohl,

said Tuesday that he realized he

was breaking a taboo by challeng-

ing the constitutional constraints

on deploying soldiers at home for other than disaster relief.

which we in Germany no longer

can cope with?" asked Mr. Schaü-

hle, who has been confined to a

the 1990 election campaign.

wheelchair since being shot during

"The borderline between inter-

nal and external security has be-

come increasingly blurred at a time

"What do we do in a situation in

mmediate comments.

Mr. Yakovley is the only senior

across to the people.

Russia's television companies -

ment agencies.

State-Run Media

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin said Wednesday that he

was taking direct control of state

mass media, but he asserted that

the move would help ensure freedom of the press.

The Har-Tass news agency earlior quoted a top government official

as saying that the Itar-Tass and RIA news agencies would be "state-run and absolutely indepen-

dent," The official commented that these were "two notions which are

practically impossible to combine."

Mr. Yeltsin said. 'The mass me-

dia will have a more precisely de-

fined structure, the individual com-ponent parts will have more

independence and the mass media

are being taken out of the govern-

ment's remit and are being subordi-

Some Kremlin officials in recent days have suggested that the media

were partly to blame for the surge

by the ultranationalist politician Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky in parlia-mentary elections earlier this

In the month before the Dec. 12 vote, Mr. Zhirinovsky was allowed

to buy more television time than

anybody else for speeches promis-

ing that Russia would expand its

porders to include all former Soviet

Mr. Yeltsin appointed Alexan-

former Soviet president, Mikhail S. the Soviet collapse, (AFP, Reuters)

Kohl Aide 'Fueling Fire'

Of Extremists, Foes Say

der N. Yakovley, the architect of

liberalization policies under the

Reserve

BONN — Wolfgang Schauble, a

key aide to Chancellor Helmut

Kohl, was accused of pandering to

tar-right extremists on Wednesday

by suggesting that the army be used to uphold domestic security.

Mr. Schauble, the parliamentary leader for Mr. Kohl's Christian

Democrats, ran into stern crincism

ny both government and opposition politicians for saying the law

should be amended to allow the

army to deal with internal security.

"Schauble is fueling the fire of right-wing extremists." said Justice

Minister Sabine Leutheusser-

Schnarrenbeiger, a member of the

liberal Free Democrats, who are

minority partners in Mr. Kohl's

"The armed forces and our con-

Mr. Kohl's party wants to make

law and order a leading issue in

parliamentary elections next Octo-

ber, but Mr. Schaüble's proposal.

contained in a Christmas letter to

Christian Democratic deputies

Tuesday, touched a nerve in the

Critics reminded him that soldiers were called out to shoot at

workers during the Weimar Repub-

lie in the 1920s and that SS troops

guarded concentration camps during the Nazi dictatorship.
"We have had bitter experiences

from mixing military and political power," the Frankfurter Runds-chau daily said in reference to the

German national conscience.

stitution are too important to be

used as cheap election campaign

center-right coalition.

Issues," she said.

nated to the president."

ried a bomb into a fish store on the Shankill Road two months ago, killing 10, including himself.

From West Belfast he went to mainly Protestant East Belfast. He visited the Shorts aircraft factory, which has been attacked several times by the IRA, and was cheered when he took over the controls of a computerized riveting machine.

As Mr. Major left City Hall, where he met with civic leaders, he ran into an impromptu demonstration by dichards who want to keep Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom and who see the peace initiative

Cedric Wilson, a former councillor from the Rever-end Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, turned a protest poster into a paper dart and hurled it in the direction of the prime minister, shouting: "You will live to regret this but the people of Northern Ireland

The visit was intended to bring further pressure

Mr. Major and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland. Under the name of the Downing Street ing partner are enough of an an inducement for its declaration," the overture is a set of general proposi-tions that in theory all sides might subscribe to as a sign of opposition came Sunday and Monday when framework for starting peace talks.

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

To soothe the fears of the unionists, who come from the ranks of the Protestant majority, they include repeated pledges that there can be no change in the

As a condition for joining in the talks, the two governments insist that the IRA renounce violence for good. Behind the scenes, officials are hoping that the IRA's customary four-day Christmas cease-fire will simply go on. As a stick to go along with the carrot, both Duhlin and London have threatened to crack down on the IRA if the initiative is rejected.

upon Sinn Fein and its leader, Gerry Adams, to accept the declaration of principles announced last week by the declaration. A key quotation is whether the concessions to the principle of Irish the declaration of principles announced last week by the declaration of principles and the principle of the declaration of the declaratio sign of opposition came Sunday and Monday when bombs were set off in Londonderry and Belfast, slightly injuring a soldier and a civilian. But trying to put an optimistic gloss on things, government officials privately call this a "low level" of activity.

repeated pledges that there can be no change in the status of Northern Ireland without the consent of most of its people. The document recognizes that a united Ireland can come about, provided both North and South want it.

As a condition for icining in the talks, the two been rejected out of hand.

Both Mr. Major and Mr. Reynolds emphasized Wednesday that they were not about to be drawn into a back-and-forth debate about negotiations. "The joint declaration is perfectly clear," Mr. Major said. There is no need for a fresh negotiation."

WORLD BRIEFS

Cambodia Attacks Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Government forces have launched an offensive against the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group, capturing villages and destroying bases in attacks that killed 25 rebels, state radio reported

The Maoist group, which controls about 15 percent of Cambodia, has said it wants to join the government elected in a UN-organized poll in May. But it has continued attacking government positions to belster its

bargaining power.

Government sources said Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh met with the leader of the Khmer Rouge, Khien Samphan, last week in Thailand to negotiate an end to the bloodshed. Prince Ranariddh declined Wednesday to confirm those reports. But his spokesman resterated the government's position that talks would not take place until the Khmer Rouge stopped fighting.

Kiev Says Pact Is Still in Negotiations

KIEV (Reuters) — A day after the Ukrainian president, Leonid M. Kravchuk, said Russia and the United States had agreed to sign a separate nuclear arms treaty with his country, Riev took a step back on Wednesday, saying the accord was only under discussion.

Mr. Kravchuk announced Tuesday that Kiev had reached an agree-

ment with the United States and Russia on compensation, security guarantees and technical and scientific aid to break a deadlock over missiles based on Ukrainian soil.

But the Ukrainian foreign minister, Anatoli Zienko, said Wednesday

that "negotiations are still continuing." He added, "Maybe this agreement will come out of the talks — otherwise I do not see a decision on the nuclear weapons' problem being taken on verbal basis."

Argentina Acts to Allow Re-Elections

BUENOS AIRES (UPI) — Argentina's lower house of Congress approved a proposal Wednesday to change the constitution, paving the way for President Carlos Saul Menem to seek re-election.

The measure allows for a president to be re-elected and reduces the presidential term from six to four years. It also calls for a direct vote for president and vice president and a second vote if one candidate fails to win more than 40 percent. The proposal goes before the Senate this week;

The proposal was agreed to earlier this month by Mr. Menem of the Peronist Party and his predecessor, Raul Alfonsin, of the opposition Radical Civic Union. Mr. Menem had previously called for a national

Formal Inquiry of Tapie Is Opened

BETHUNE, France (Reuters) — A magistrate formally placed Bernard Tapie, a businessman and politician, under investigation for suspected business fraud on Wednesday but allowed him to walk free after

several hours of questioning.

Magistrate Benoit Persyn, who is investigating suspected financial irregularities at Mr. Tapie's Tesmt weighing machine company in the northern town of Bethune, placed no restrictions on his movements, Mr. Tapie's lawyer, Philippe Leleu, said.

Mr. Tapie was placed under investigation, a formal step in the judicial process indicating serious suspicion that a person commuted a crime. A member of the National Assembly and owner of the Olympique Marseille tracted the Tapician and International Assembly and owner of the Olympique Marseille.

soccer team, Mr. Tapie is a left-leaning millionaire and former minister under President François Mitterrand. His parliamentary immunity was lifted on Dec. 7 so that he could be questioned.

ME CONTRACTO

Fortune Smiles on a Spanish Town

CAMPELLO, Spain (Reuters) — Residents of a small Spanish coastal town danced in the streets on Wednesday after learning they had won at least 32 billion pesetas (\$230 million) in the world's biggest lottery. Many of Campello's 11,000 residents had bought pieces of ticket number 47.884, which won a first prize, from a youth group. "I don't know how much I've won. I'm just happy I've won, my aunt has won, everybody has won," said one young woman in the town, north of Alicante on the Mediterranean coast.

Millions who had bought tickets in the 150 billion peseta lottery called El Gordo, or The Fat One — followed the results ceremony on radio and television and work slowed to a crawl in many places. Lottery tickets are divided into 10 parts with each part, which can be split again, selling for 3,000 pesseus. In the event of a win, each of the parts pays out a tenth of the prize.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lille-Paris Link Is Partially Restored

PARIS (AFP) — The high-speed train link between Paris and the northern city of Lille was partly restored Wednesday after a derailment at 300 kilometers per hour (180 mph) Tuesday caused by subsideace under

Services were restored on one of the two lines after the derailed train was towed away overnight. The state-owned railroad company SNCF was checking the state of the ground in the area on Wednesday after the subsidence, believed to have been caused by heavy min and flooding, left a gaping hole under the track.

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The high-speed train, traveling at top speed on a newly built line linking Paris and Lille, derailed as it left the new station of Ablaincourt-le-Pressoir, being built to serve the city of Amiens. The train's eight coaches stayed upright as it lurched to a halt, plowing up the ballast for two kilometers, but no passenger was seriously hurt.

Scandinavian Airlines Systems will lease two newly built catamarans on the Malmo-Copenhagen route to replace the current hovercraft, SAS announced Wednesday in Stockholm. The new catamarans, with seats for 150 passengers, will be put into service Aug. 1.

About 600,000 Japanese - a record number - will travel abroad Mrs. Fernández, a former model during the holiday season despite a worsening recession, the Japan Travel said she had not spoken to her Bureau said Wednesday.

State-rus Indian Airlines is expanding service to Muscat in the Gulf and is planning a weekly flight to Uzbekistan, officials said. (AFP) Ozone pollution has passed the danger level in Mexico City on eight of

the last nine days, government figures showed Wednesday. Chengda, the capital of China's Sichnan Province, will open its airport to wide-body jets from foreign airlines starting next week, the official

Xinhua press agency reported.

A California tourist was killed by a hippopotaness while canoeing on a southern African river, the Namibian state radio said Wednesday. The

radio identified the dead woman as Bertha Sylvia Tade of Coronado, California. She had been photographing the animals, but approached them too closely and one uttacked her canoe, the radio said. (AP)

Aristide Rejects New Effort for Talks

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The Pentaon homosexuals serving in the mili-tary, saying homosexuality is not a

Outlawed sexual acts include "touching a person of your same sex or allowing such a person to touch you for the purpose of satis-fying sexual desires," and gives the

The rules cap an agonizing year in which President Bill Clinton, faced with strong opposition, abandoned his campaign pledge to lift the ban outright. Instead, he settled for a "don't ask, don't tell, don't

"We are confident that the new policy will maintain unit cohesion and will maintain the readiness of the best-trained, best-equipped military in the world today," De-

being removed from the military.

"Homosexual conduct is defined gon outlined specific regulations as a homosexual act, a statement by Wednesday to enforce the new law the applicant that demonstrates a the applicant that demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts, or a homosexual marriage or attempted marriage," the directive states.

Along with the regulations, the Pentagon also released a training guide for commanders in the field. describing several scenarios upon which to base their decisions.

For example, a commander may be advised not to open an investigation if a service member is seen leaving a known gay bar, or is seen

reading gay publications. Once a commander has been notified that a service member was seen leaving a gay bar, the com-mander "should not begin an inquiry into this matter. Going to a gay bar is not a crime, nor does it, in itself, constitute a nonverbal statement' by the service member

be advised to open an investigation if "a member engages in behavior that a reasonable person would believe is intended to convey the



Near Brussels, villagers at Hug being evacuated on Wednesday as the rising Meuse River threatened their homes.

Floods Ravage Northwestern Europe

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service

BONN - Waters continued to rise over Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany and northeastern France on Wednesday in the worst floods in some places in 45

At least four people have died in the floods and the storms that produced them. One man was swept away in Belgium on Wednesday after falling into the Meuse River on his hicycle, and a woman who washed away in

Germany on Tuesday was still missing. More than 2,000 people were evacuated in Eastern Belgium, where the executive commission of the European Community said it would provide up to \$565,000 in emergency

Much of the husiness district of the German city of Saarbrücken, near the French border in the state of the Saar, was under water. Telephone lines and electricity were eut off there and in many other places.

In Bonn, a city where politicians are used to being up to their necks in hot water, there was greater difficulty in coping with the inex-orable rise of the cold, muddy-brown brew that was lapping at the edges of the new parliament huilding by Wednesday afternoon and rising.

Authorities said it was finally beginning to

slow down Wednesday afternoon, but border troops were deployed into action to fill sandbags and help legislators and shopkeepers evacuate low-lying storerooms.

River traffic on the Rhine was suspended between Bonn and Cologne, where movable walls were rushed into place to try to keep the waters out of the medieval old town near the 13th-century cathedral.

The sun was shining here Wednesday, but days of drenching cold rain downriver had swollen two of the Rhine's main tributaries, the Neckar and the Moselle, to record levels, and the waters continued to rise. In the German city of Koblenz, where the Moselle enters the Rhine, soldiers and border troops used rubber rafts to evacuate about 1,200 people from flooded homes.

In the German winemaking and tourist area around Cochem, the Moselle was rising at more than two inches an hour, according to

disaster centers. After days of continuous rain, the Moselle reached a historic high in the German city of Trier, on the border with Luxembourg, Tues-

west hank of the Rhine, dismissed nonessen-tial employees an bour early Wednesday afternoon as the waters kept rising. Officials said they would probably not be called into work again if the waters kept rising, because the parking lot was cut off. France Hit Hard

In easiern France, rivers burst their banks after 17 days of almost continuous rain com-

hined with unusually mild weather that melt-ed snows, news agencies reported. While it was the same storm front across Western Europe, French and German forecasters disagreed about the next few days: French forecasters said temperatures were expected to fail, which should stop snow melting and slow the rise in water levels, but

the Germans predicted more rain. In northern France hundreds of homes were flooded, and officials said the situation was critical.

In Belgium more than 2,000 people wereevacuated from their homes.

Tens of thousands of homes were flooded in a strip along the border from the coast to Luxembourg. Roads were blocked and the canals swollen in Bruges. (Reuters, AFP)

U.S. Gives Asylum to Castro's Daughter

nåndez Revuelta, the daughter of President Fidel Castro, has left Cuba and been granted political asylum in the United States, a State Department official said Wednes-

of worldwide migration and international terrorism," Mr. Schaüble *We should consider whether or not the armed forces, under strictly defined conditions, could be made lanta on Tuesday afternoon after available in emergencies also to her asylum request was granted, cope with major security threats in said the official, who spoke on con-

the internal area, just like armies in dition of anonymity, other civilized states," he wrote. Bonn's constitution says the army may be deployed in support of the police and border guards "in the protection of civilian property and in comhatting organized and militarily armed insurgents" only if democracy were in immediate dan-

WASHINGTON - Alina Fer-

Mrs. Fernández, who is about 40 and has long been a critic of her father's revolution, left Cuba on Monday for Spain and flew to At-

She left a teenage daughter in Cuba, the official said, adding that her whereabouts Wednesday were

Mrs. Fernández, who has called Mr. Castro a tyrant, wished to leave the island for years but could never receive permission. The circumstances of her departure on Mon-day were not clear.

José Cardenas, a representative of the Cuban American National Foundation, said Mrs. Fernández expected to wait several days before going public with her story.

She was once married to a Mexican and wanted to emigrate with him to Mexico but Cuban authorities turned down her request. EvenIn recent years, she has been liv-ing quietly with her daughter in other people here." Havana, Her mother, a supporter of the revolution, lived nearby.

She told The Washington Post in April 1992 that she was last al-. lowed to leave the island in 1964 at the age of 8 when she visited Paris with her mother.

father in years. Her main memory of him is from her childhood when he would visit the apartment where she lived with her mother. As a teenager, the daughter repaid Mr. Castro's scant attentions

by refusing to use his surname. Mr. "I dream of going hack there, of Castro has never publicly acknowl-going anywhere," she said. "But I'll edged her as his daughter.

tually, be returned to Mexico.

iled president has rejected another effort by the Clinton administra-tion to start talks with the military about restoring him to power. In a communiqué issued through

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Washington Past Service

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> It was the second time this month that Father Aristide had rejected the talks since the proposal received President Bill Clinton's endorsement. The idea was originally broached by Robert Malval, who proposed a broad meeting of Haiti's political, military and religious groups at the same time he announced his resignation as prime

Father Aristide opposes the idea of a new round of negotiations with Haiti's military rulers, contending that the continued military grip on the island would make such a meeting unsafe for his followers. "The current conditions of insecurity in Haiti will not allow for a national conference at this time," he said Tuesday.

The Clinton administration still backs the plan. We believe it can actually move the process for-ward," said the State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry. Father Aristide's stand has exas-

perated U.S. officials, while European officials have begun talking give precise definitions of homoabout the possibility of holding

Pentagon Issues Rules Of Homosexual Conduct

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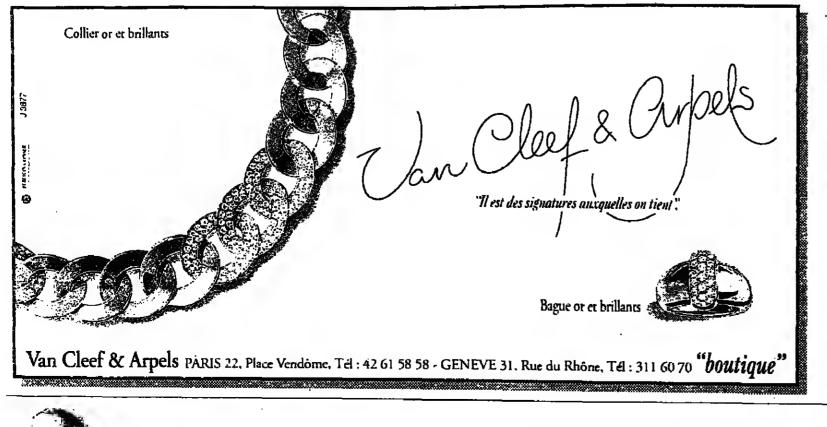
example of hand-holding, kissing or other physical contact.

pursue" policy that differs only slightly from the old rules.

fense Secretary Les Aspin said.

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that he is a homosexual." However, a commander would that could lead to a service member mosexual or bisexual."



* POLITICAL NOTES*

Tax issue Won't Disquality Inman, Nunn Says

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Wednesday that the tax problems of the defense secretary-designate, Bobby Ray Inman, should not disqualify him

for the job.

Senator Sam Numn, a Georgia Democrat, said the fact that Mr. Inman had not paid \$6,000 in Social Security taxes for his house-keeper imil Monday, after President Bill Clinton named him for the post, was "regrettable," but "it is not disqualifying."

The White House had said that Mr. Inman was now up to date in his taxes for the housekeeper, who has worked for him since 1986. Under federal law, people hiring babysitters or other household help and paying them a certain amount must now their Social Security

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Mr. Nunn, appearing on NBC-TV, said that Mr. Clinton had set a policy that late payment of Social Security taxes for household help would not be enough to disqualify a candidate for an administration

Crime Not Only Urban Crisis, Clinton Told

WASHINGTON — Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros is warning President Clinton that he risks alienating urban supporters if he focuses solely on crime without offering solutions to other urban crises, an internal memo shows.

In the confidential memo, Mr. Cisneros urged Mr. Clinton to "speak to your urban base and describe what you are doing" for the poor before they begin to feel ignored.

"The crime that is so widely reported is but one manifestation of our nation's pain," Mr. Cisneros wrote. "You have in place the threads of programs which can be woven together into a coherent fabric of urban policy." A copy of the memo was obtained Tuesday

by The Associated Press.

Last month, Mr. Cisneros defended Mr. Clinton's lack of a formal urban policy, saying the president proved his commitment to urban areas by setting up a "community enterprise board" to carry out reforms that will help distressed cities. But the memo, dated Nov. 24, five days after Mr. Cisneros defended Mr. Clinton, pressed the sident to draft an urban policy so it would not look as if he was only paying lip service to city problems.

Texas Senator's Indictment Appeal Rejected

AUSTIN, Texas - A judge rejected claims of political bias and refused to dismiss an indictment accusing Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of wrongdoing while she was state treasurer

Judge John Onion rejected motions on behalf of Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, that claimed the charges were produced by a predomi-nantly Democratic grand jury and a politically motivated district attorney. Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers had accused Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, of vindictive and selective enforcement against Mrs. Hutchison.

Mrs. Hutchison was indicted on charges that while state treasurer she used state employees and state equipment for her personal benefit and then destroyed records as a coverup.

Quote/Unquote

Hillary Rodham Clinton, on her role in advising her husband: "But as with any married couple and particularly Bill and me, where we've worked so much together and we respect and appreciate each other's ideas and viewpoints so much, he's asked me for opinions and advice on other matters when he thought it was appropriate. And I have been willing to offer that because, as you know, from having covered my husband in the past, he seeks opinions and advice from nearly everybody.

"So in areas that he thought I had something to contribute in his decision-making, he has asked me. Sometimes just as husbands and wives do, he has not asked me for opinions but has shared a decision that he was making just to kind of talk to somebody that he knew would be totally trustworthy. But that I think is probably what has happened in this house ever since George and Martha Washington. So I don't think it's different than before." (AP)

Diocese Fears Bankruptcy Because of Pedophile Claims

By David Margolick

New York Times Service
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico — Faced with dozens of sexual molestation claims against priests in New Mexico, the Catholic Archdicese of Santa Fe has told parishioners that it might have to file for

It has also asked parishioners to help defray mil-lions of dollars in settlement costs and legal expenses to spare it from becoming the first U.S. archdiocese ever to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In a letter read from pulpits or posted on bulletin boards in 91 parishes and missions throughout New Mexico on Sunday, Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan noted that with victims of sexual misconduct demanding up to \$50 million in damages and the ehurch's insurers balking, bankruptcy loomed.

Away From Politics

An Oregon State University scholar, Marcus

Borg, whose study of Jesus has set off a furor

among fundamentalist Christians, got an endowed

chair worth \$3 million, one of the richest in reli-

gious studies. Mr. Borg is one of the authors of a

book contending that 80 percent of the sayings attributed to Jesus in the Bible were added by later

Dr. Jack Kevorkian said he would keep his prousise not to assist in any new suicides until higher courts decided the validity of Michigan's law

against the practice. Dr. Kevorkian was released

from the Oakland County Jail in Detroit after he

promised under oath to refrain from the practice of

medicide," his term for doctor-assisted suicide.

The Cherch of Scientology holds assets of nearly

\$400 million, including a cruise ship, according to a detailed portrait of the group's financial network provided to the Internal Revenue Service. The

Acknowledging that he was taking a "drastle" step. the asked each parish to contribute whatever cash and property it could rather than have them seized by the cases, other dioceses have helped out.

"The lawsuits touch all of us, not just the gulty priests or the archbishop or the pastors of the parishes where the abuse may have happened," he wrote. "Never did I think when I was ordained a priest ned a hishop that I would have to deal with such a painful problem personally."

Monsignor Francis J. Maniscalco, a spokesman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that he knew of no other diocese that has made an appeal like Santa Fe's, nor to his knowledge had an U.S. Catholic diocese or archdiocese ever declared bankruptcy.

papers were submitted by the church as part of its 39-year effort to gain tax-exempt status. The docu-

ments became public after the IRS granted an

exemption to more than 20 Scientology organiza-

• Four men posing as bank customers and three others outside waited patiently Tuesday while a Brink's armored truck completed a delivery of \$1.5

million to a busy midtown Manhattan bank. After

the cash was brought into the hank and the Brink's

guards left, the men drew guns and stole the huge

cash delivery, but the police said the robbers aban-doord most of the cash io a yellow van they used

for their escape after being pursued through heavy crosstown traffic by an officer on a police scooter.

• Families with children now account for about 43

percent of the homeless, up from about 33 percent in previous years, the U.S. Conference of Mayors

said in a survey that challenges some of the stereo-

types of urban poverty. The 1993 study also found

that single men make up about 43 percent of the homeless, single women 11 percent and unaccom-

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panied minors 4 percent.

When dioceses have faced severe financial difficul-

Noting Archbishop Sheehan's warning that hankruptcy could lead to seizure of parish savings. Monsi-gnor Maniscalco said. There would probably be questions about what hankruptcy means for churches. I suspect everyone would be on uncharted seas."

Parishioners in the archdiocese were the first to start surveying that uncharted area. Many were anguished:

most were torn between anger about the request made to poor parishes and a willingness to help the church to which they are devoted.

Representatives of victims of sexual abuse have occasionally proposed a national collection in Catholic churches or a national trust fund . pay for treating

had not discussed any national measures to assist individual dioceses hit with unusually high settlements in cases of sexual abuse. Such measures would be a departure from the way the American Roman Catholic church has organized itself financially, he said.

Church officials in Albuquerque estimate that over a 30-year period as many as 200 people were abused by 45 to 50 priests. The archdiocese is currently defending itself in 41 separate lawsuits. Another 20 people have said they had claims but have not yet retained lawyers.

Nineteen cases have already been settled for \$10,000 to \$600,000. The payouts have varied with the duration and severity of the abuse, which runs from single unwanted kisses to eight years of oral sex and

Rise in Health Costs Slows Up

By David S. Hilzenrath

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The inflation rate for health care prices has slowed to its lowest level in two decades, according to government

The trend could make it less expensive to extend health coverage to the almost 38.5 million Americans without insurance, as President Bill Clinton has proposed, analysts said.

But the trend could take some steam out of Mr. Clinton's push to overhaul the U.S. health care system by detracting from the sense of financial necessity that surrounds the issue, analysts said.

"It makes it harder to scare the middle class into supporting health care reform, which is what he really has to do," said Mark Pauley, chairman of the Department of Health Care Systems at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton

The declining medical inflation rate is largely a reflection of low inflation in the economy as a whole, analysts said. But it also shows how structural changes in the business of health care have begun to control rapidly rising costs, they said.

The prices individuals and households pay for medical goods and services rose at a rate of 5.5 percent during the 12-month peri-od that ended in November, down from an inflation rate of 6.9 percent during the preceding 12 months, according to the government's medical care price index.

It was the lowest 12-month inflation rate since the period that end-ed in January 1974, when medical inflation was 5.3 percent and health care was subject to President Richard Nixon's wage and price controls, according to the Bureau

of Labor Statistics. The medical remains a serious economic proinflation rate has been declining lem analysis said. Over the past 12 since 1990, when it reached an an-

nual pace of 9.6 percent.

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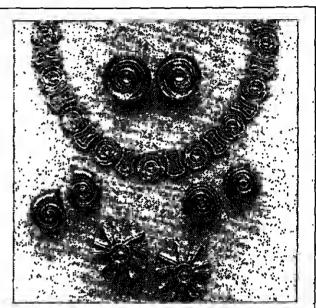
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Al Gore's Road Show Plays Well Abroad

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — "Two stiff guys in Almaty," said Vice President Al Gore, offering a joking headline for his visit last week with Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, former Communist Party apparatchik, president of Kazakhstan, and a new friend of Washington's.

For a politician with a reputation for being wooden, Mr. Gore showed surprising agility and good lumnor in dealing with the fast-talk-ing, steely Mr. Nazarbayev. One payoff of Mr. Gore's approach was a decisive vote by the Kazakh parliament in Alma-Ata (also known as Almaty), arranged while he was in town, pledging to give up nuclear arms.

The achievement showed one of Mr. Gore's strengths as a new player in high-stakes foreign policy: Sending the veep overseas gets high-level attention and makes things happen that might otherwise be deferred or neglected. When level attention and makes things happen that . More inclined to laugh and joke when the tion of the Aral Sea — Chapter I of the book — might otherwise be deferred or neglected. When setting is private, Mr. Gore in public was poised the topic of negotiation is nuclear armaments and determinedly bland. On Thursday, for exurgently needed in the cockpit.

or the environment, he is at the top of his form, with a sure agenda and a grasp of details.

But when the topic is less familiar - such as domestic Russian politics — the vice president's footing is less sure. After several days of ducking comment on the Dec. 12 election gains of anti-reform forces, Mr. Gore came out swinging with tough remarks about the top vote-getter and blunt criticism of other nations for failing to give Russia adequate financial aid. But by week's end, he had received advice from Washington to tone it down.

With only two major diplomatic trips under his best - this and one to Mexico earlier this month for discussions about the North American Free Trade Agreement — Mr. Gore is still feeling his way. But he has embraced with enthusiasm the task of beloing rescue U.S. foreign policy from its image of distress.

ample, in a Moscow studio between interviews with U.S. and Russian television networks, his wife. Tipper, tried to engage him in conversa-tion and even a kiss. But Mr. Gore, who knew reporters were watching on a closed circuit television link, chose to stare blankly at the camera for about 10 minutes.

CHRISTMAS IN MOGADISHU - U.S. soldiers decorating a tree in Somalia on Wednesday.

tions on Oct. 1.

His only personal observation during the session came after a Russian interviewer had left the room. "All his questions were about the environment, which is fine," he told an aide within range of the microphones. "It makes me appy." He is most animated when discussing his book published last year, about global environmental problems — "Earth in the Bal-ance" — and rarely missed an opportunity on

the trip to sign copies.

While flying to Alma-Ata from Frankfurt,
Mr. Gore even borrowed the pilot's map to
lecture reporters on his plane about the desicca-



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Russians Must Be Helped

Russians voted their fears, pain and anger this month when they turned toward antireform demagogues in surprising numbers. The West cannot cure Russia's distemper with the promise that better days are sure to follow if only Moscow will move quickly to a market economy. It must provide aid, and soon, so that President Boris Yeltsin's reformers can protect the most vulnerable citizens from the wrenching dislocation of economic reform.

Economic recovery means shutting down mammoth military, steel and other factories that produce little of value. In time, investment 'can be redirected into housing and consumer products that Russians crave. But the unemployed, the displaced military and pensioners cannot wait. Only when they are taken care of can Mr. Yeltsin's reform government survive. The value of this aid cannot be oversold in the way the West originally sold the virtues of

rapid reform. This means being honest with ordinary Russians — as well as with American taxpayers, who will be asked to foot the bill about the fact that Russia faces at least several more years of tough times as the price of seven decades wasted under a command economy. That said, Western aid must flow (ar faster than it has. So far, the International Monetary

Fund has failed to get the job done. President Bill Clinton and other leaders of the industrialized nations must take over from IMF tecbnecrats and prepare a package of aid for delivery when Mr. Clinton meets Mr. Yeltsin next month, In return. Mr. Yeltsin must provide a credible program of economic reform. help the desperate people on Russia's streets. The leading industrialized powers had the IMF oversee half of a \$28 billion aid package conditioned on Russia undertaking market reforms. Belitting its traditions, the IMF insisted that reform precede the release of most aid. As

a result, the IMF has provided only \$1.5 billion. This did little to nourish Russia's reformers. The fund now says it might loosen preconditions, but that will not be enough.

Mr. Clinton must round up support for a different imperative: Russia's reformers cannot win over a fearful population unless they have money before they undertake reform. Reform requires closing down unneeded factories. But in Russia, the factory means more than a job for life. It is a source of housing, food and pensions. That is why fear of failing factories

drives Russians to despair — and reaction.

So Russia's leaders are trying to keep those factories going by printing rubles instead of moving ahead with reform. But that has driven the economy to the brink of byperinflation. It is this reckless money creation, not the harely begun reforms, that has pummeled Russia's economy. Western aid would help finance a safety net for the unemployed and pensioners with hard currency, eliminating the argument for printing rubles.

In return, Mr. Yeltsin would bave to pledge that a credible economic plan would follow. The West need not care how Russia reforms, except to insist that it move toward markets on a financially feasible path. That means that the budget deficit must be closed fast enough to keep inflation in check.

But, as Mr. Yeltsin's slowdown of reform shows, the pledge is politically risky since shrinking the deficit means cutting subsidies to factories. The two-way pledge is also risky for Mr. Clinton. He would commit U.S. money on little more than Mr. Yeltsin's promise. But the parliamentary elections make clear, that the risk is worth taking. No society has transformed itself without outside help. If the West forces Russia to try, the likely outcome is social turmoil and political reaction.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Short of Convincing

^e During the 1992 presidential campaign, Bill Clinton was extremely careful about not making the claims that too many candidates have traditionally made about living perfect family lives. And well be should have been. In fact, Mr. Clinton, in his famous appearance with Hillary Clinton on "60 Minutes" in January 1992, spoke of baving "acknowledged wrongdoing" and "acknowledged causing pain in my marriage." He went on to note: "I think most Americans who are watching tonight, they'll know what we're saving; they'll get it."
We suspect that most Americans did get it. which raises a question about the latest accounts of Mr. Clinton's alleged sexual exploits

as governor and supposedly also as presidentelect - first a report on CNN, then a rendering in the most minute not to say graphic detail in The American Spectator and a lengthy, cautiously written piece in the Los Angeles Times.

What is new in the reports, besides the provision of some gross details claimed to be the true story of the conduct that Mr. Clinton had earlier acknowledged?

One allegation is that the president tried to talk the sources of the report - former members of his state police security detail out of saying what they did, and that in the process he made some kind of government joh offer to the men to buy their silence. The president's aides acknowledge that he made some phone calls in connection with the case, but they vehemently deny that he offered anyone a job to keep quiet, which could be a criminal offense if true.

A second allegation is that the president's relationship with Gennifer Flowers, the woman who claimed in mideampaign to have had a 12-year affair with him, was not the "very limited" relationship he claimed but in fact extensive. A third is that, contrary to the impression that he and Mrs. Clinton sought to give on "60 Minutes" (that they had restored their marriage and that his extramarital exploits were over), be was still carrying on an affair on the eve of his inauguration. By then he would have been putting at risk his own and his party's chances of successfully govern-

ing. We hope it didn't happen.
The evidence is shaky and in dispute. The White House response has itself been cautious, lawyerly. Apart from the question of the joh offer, most of the reaction has taken the form of a counterattack on the motives and tawdriness of the accusers.

The new "information" does indeed come in tawdry form, mainly from two disgruntled state police officers who are seeking a book contract and working through an Arkansas lawyer with Republican ties named Cliff Jackson. Mr. Jackson has been running what amounts to a personal vendenta against Mr. Clinton for some time. There can be listle doubt that at least in the case of The American Spectator, part of the satisfaction in publishing the story was political: to do damage to a president whose policies

the magazine's editors despise. Our sense when the Clintons went on "60 Minutes" was that they had pretty well disposed of the issue, both for the voters and for themselves so far as their marriage was concerned. The state troopers seek to reopen the case. But they have their own credibility problems and their own agenda, and far and away the largest part of their report deals only with the period of Mr. Clinton's life that he has already said be regrets. They claim that he has since broken both the law and his word. Their

case so far is suspect and short of convincing. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Cabinet of Taxpayers

Of course, the White House knew it was asking the public and Congress to accept a double standard in nominating Bobby Ray Inman as secretary of defense. That is wby the public was kept in the dark for four days about what President Bill Clinton has known for weeks. For seven years Mr. Inman had failed to pay Social Security taxes on his housekeeper's wages. His failure continued throughout a year in which thousands of Americans, alerted by Zoe Baird's experience,

voluntarily began payments.

Ms. Baird, whose problem was complicated by the fact that she employed an illegal alien and broke a law that she would have to enforce, withdrew as the nominee for attorney general. The issue of taxes for domestic workers also helped derail the nomination of Federal Judge Kimba Wood for the attorney general's post, even though Judge Wood broke no law. But the White House thinks that it can save its male nominee from being judged as sternly as the two women.

So they have resorted to some transparent tricks. First, in the initial announcement Mr. Clinton was portrayed as almost desperately needy of a seasoned national security expert who could keep the generals in line. Moreover, by announcing the appointment last Thursday - without the full facts - the White House counted on a long weekend of stories aggrandizing Mr. Inman and under-

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scoring the president's yearning for a strong

hand at the Pentagon. Then, once the country had got used to the reassuring prospect of Secretary Inman, came the disclosure that be had a small "Baird problem." But this time it is not supposed to be fatal because be told on himself early enough and hired no illegal aliens.

The entire production, with its lack of candor and curning play of the news cycles, bears the stamp of David Gergen, a skilled perfumer of rank public relations problems. But the public should not let Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gergen keep slip-sliding along. America is a big country full of talented people. The cabinet can and ought to be filled with that category of talented people who pay taxes. If it was right to dump Ms. Baird —and it was —how can it be right to look the other way for Mr. Inman?

The Zoe Baird affair gave Mr. Imman pleuty of time to put his books in order. The White House's explanation for his delay is disingenu ous. It says he did not pay his back taxes because be was waiting to see if legislation pending in Congress would relax the \$50 per quarter standard, substantially raising the threshold for taxable earnings. In other words, he was selectively ignoring the law until it changed in his favor. It may be an economical way to do business, but it is not an example of cabinet-level civic leadership.

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Toward Spheres of Influence, Plus International Rules

W ASHINGTON — After a year of foreign policy setbacks, the Clinton administration is changing personalities, not its policy. That is wrong. What is needed is a redefinition of goals. Replacing Secretary of Defense Les Aspin with Bobby Ray Inman will do little to belp the administration deal with a torrent of

international problems.

In a period of tight budgets and declining military force levels, the administration has avoided the task of matching resources with commitments. Its one announced attempt -'enlargement of democracy" through free market, democratic countries seemed more an invitation to endless new responsibilities than an effort to impose limits on U.S. commitments. There is an alternative: call it be-

nign realpolitik. It would build on the absence of ideological conflict among the great powers. It would capitalize on the spreading trend of democratization. And it would recognize a hard reality of international politics: Even a su-

perpower will exhaust itself if it tries to police the globe.
Russia is destined to remain the

strongest state in the former Soviet Union, just as the United States will remain the strongest country in the Western Hemisphere, Inevitably, both powers will exercise authority in their spheres of influence. What is not in-evitable is that either will agree to make its use of power more benign by subjecting it to an international stan-

dard of law and morality. Past attempts to build a world order based on spheres of influence have seemed unprincipled and immoral. Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger were denounced for appearing to support such a world system.

The world could become more comfortable with an order based on traditional spheres of influence if several great powers were democratic or on the path to democracy, and if the dominant powers in each region agreed to exercise anthonity in accor-

By Charles William Maynes

dance with an international process. The logical candidates in Europe would be America, the European Umon and a democratic Russia acting together through the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. But for many reasons, including American opposition, Europe has not developed a coherent foreign policy

and security identity. After Russia's parliamentary elec-tions, in which the ultranationalists and Communists made gains, many are calling for renewed Cold War measures to contain Russia. Until it is clear that Moscow's direction is not reactionary, the West must carefully calibrate its acceptance of Russia.

But until the Clinton administration outlines a vision of Europe in which a democratic Russia can enjoy a leading voice, the United States will only feed Russian paranoia. No matter what Moscow does, Russia never seems to be in Europe.

As for Asia, China and Japan and

America will play the major security . role. China is not democratic, but its energies will continue to focus on the problems of feeding a billion people — if the United States does not iso-

No doubt an approach based on spheres of influence in a more democratic world would alarm those who want to see complete equality among states. But the last two decades should have taught us that any semblance of international rule of law must rest on a system that can harness the power

of key states that can act.

The world ridiculed and criticized Uganda under ldi Amin, but it took an African country, Tanzania, to overthrow him. The world was annoyed by Manuel Antonio Noriega's involvement with the drug trade in Panama, but only the United States could remove him. The world was horrified when Pol Pot instituted genocide in Cambodia, but only Vietnam took military action.

In none of these crises was the world willing to act, just as it has been

military fact of life. Without U.S. leadership, they

lack the infrastructure and the political credibil-

ity with their own populations to stay involved in

Nor is the United Nations staffed or politically ready to cope with the demands of an intervention-

ist philosophy, a senior U.S. official argues in explaining the U.S. retreat from multilateralism.

There must be thorough UN reform if the kind of

military action foreshadowed in Agenda for Peace is ever to be undertaken, the official added.

Mr. Butros Ghali would not disagree. He is the

one who suffers from having only a dozen officials working on peacekeeping in his headquarters. He gets awakened at 5 A.M. by phone calls from prime ministers checking on what is happening to

But the secretary-general also believes that nei-

ther the United States nor the world wants to see

American military might used abroad unilaterally in the nasty little crises of the post-Cold War era. He is putting many ambitious immediate goals in his Agenda for Peace on hold, in hopes that the

United States will return to a more positive view

of building up UN peacekeeping and peace en-

forcement for the long run.

The star-struck Somali adventure has dampened the Clintonites' enthusiasm for multilateralism.

But on some Christmas future, the combination of

bottom-line realities created by shrinking U.S. defense budgets and of foreign challenges will

bring a new search for an effective alternative to extensive U.S. intervention abroad. Only U.S.

leadership and support can make UN peacekeeping a serious candidate to fill that need.

The Washington Post,

At their summit, APEC leaders

agreed that there was a growing sense

of community which bound them. At the suggestion of South Korean Pres-

ident Kim Young Sam they agreed to meet again late next year in Indone-

sia. They would not have agreed to do

The fact that Indonesia will host

the 1994 meeting of APEC leaders is

important Indonesia is the fourth

most populous country in the world

and the largest member of the Associ-

ation of South East Asian Nations. It

is also the current chairman of the

Nonaligned Movement. That President Subarto agreed to host the next

APEC summit should put to rest speculation about ASEAN's ambiva-

President Clinton's mitiative in

convening the summit in Seattle and

his commitment to APEC have suc-

ceeded in dispelling fears, often heard after his election, that America might

turn isolationist and retreat from ac-

tive engagement with East Asia.

APEC is also the only forum in

which the three giants of the Asia-Pacific — the United States, China

and Japan — are members. The re-sumption of high-level dialogue be-

tween China and the United States

which took place in Scattle has been

widely welcomed in East Asia. The

fact that President Clinton and Prime

Minister Monhiro Hosokawa have de-

veloped a rapport is also an asset. The

future peace and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific area will depend to a

large extent on good relations between

A new economic architecture for

the Asia-Pacific region was founded in Seattle, Building a Pacific Eco-nomic Community may not be an illusion after all, although it is an

ambitious goal. However, such an objective should be pursued on a step-by-step basis at a pace comfortable

The writer, a former ambassador of

Singapore to the United States, is di-

for all of APEC's members.

the United States, China and Japan.

encounter useful.

ence towards APEC.

distant intervention

their troops in Bosnia.

The tragedy in Bosnia is that there is no regional power with sufficient interest and power to impose order, and that those without sufficient inlate China through trade sanctions.

terest will not act. The shortcoming of the earlier interrentions cited here is that they were unitateral, and most were condemned sharply in the United Na-tions General Assembly, None of the intervening powers saw the need to seek international or regional sanction before or after resorting to military force. The challenge to the international community is to come up with procedures for authorizing and

disciplining the tendency to intervene when authoral interests are involved. The procedures could involve re-form of the Security Council to make it reflect the world's real power-structure, a serious effort by each great power to accommodate the security interests of the others, and a commit-ment to international law even if at times a great state would have to act

unwilling to act in Bosnia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia and Burundi.

milaterally to protect its interests. The Security Council must be re-formed, because its composition de-prives it of legitimacy in several parts of the world. Major powers such as Germany, Japan and India, with in-fluence on international peace and security at least as great as that of some of the permanent members, have no permanent voice. Whole re-gions, such as Africa and Latin America, are often not represented

by their larger members. Reform of the Security Council must proceed with the goal of creating a security community, one that the major powers will strive to defend

because it reflects their interests. In selecting new permanent mem-bers (which will not have the veto), the United Nations must make sure that no state enjoys permanent mem-bership unless it is prepared to make significant financial and security contributions to the international community. Germany and Japan should be expected to participate in noncombat, peacekeeping operations, India, Nige-ria and Brazil should expect to increase their financial contribution.

This new security community would recognize the special role of major states in their own region. During the Reagan administration. France and Mexico together attempted to challenge the United States in Central America and failed.

The West will fail if it attempts to challenge Russia in areas in its legitimate sphere of influence, India. Vigeria and South Africa will play disproportionate roles in their spheres of influence:

Because major powers are no long-er divided by ideology, and because most states now try to enhance their national power through economic development rather than territorial conquest, the international community has the scope to press the large states to exercise their power in accordance with international norms. The United States, for example, probably will not be able to end the disorder in Haiti without military action. Yet a lack of terests in this region paralyzes action.

A policy of benign realpolitik would not let a band of thugs create chaos so close to American shores. Yet any military action could, from the outset, involve monitoring by the United Nations and the Organization of American States of the use of U.S. power on the island.

Idealists and proponents of strict equality among UN members would object to a world based on spheres of ifluence, however benign. But the truth is that if anyone is to end military rule in Haiti, it will have to be the United States. And if someone is to end the fighting between Azerbai-janis and Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh, it will be Russia.

Great powers will not always take action. The world may have to live with disorder at several points on the globe and will have to do the best it can through dialogue, mediation and humanitarian assistance.

If force is to be used, however, it would be more realistic to look to the great powers for action than to the United Nations. Even though there may occasionally be a role for muscular multilateralism, a more common path would be for the international community to legitimize a powerful state with a national interest in acting to serve as the enforcement arm of the international community.

If there is to be a new world order, it will not be a centralized one with multilateral armies directed by the Security Council. It will be a decen-tralized one that rests on a more traditional balance of power made more tolerable by the advance of democracy and by the declining mterest of most states in conquest.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Holiday Events

PARIS — A curious soirée de gala will be given to-night [Dec. 23] at the Pole Nord skating establishment, 18 rue de Clichy. At ten o'clock there will be races in straightforward skating for ladies, gentlemen and professionals. At half-past ten a sort of "rahbit coursing" on ice will be indulged in. Rabbits will be let loose and skater will try to catch them. At Olympia, 26 boulevard des Capucines, to-night, will be held the first fancy dress redoute of the season. The name of "La Fete des Fous" has been

bestowed on this ball in advance. 1918: Baltic Mission

PARIS — The following communication was issued by the French Ministry of Marine last evening [Dec. 23].

A French naval division composed of six units, one of which is the armored cruiser Montcalm, is on its way to the Baltic. This naval force has as its mission to supervise the execution of

the clauses of the armistice, to visit the German ports in which French prisoners are assembled, to assure the repatriation of those prisoners in the best possible conditions and to give its assistance in any cases in which it may be useful to those ships that are charged with the transport of our liberated soldiers.

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1943: Raid on Germany LONDON - From our New York

edition: Hundreds of American heavy bombers and their fighter escort struck northwest Germany today [Dec. 23], and destroyed thirtyeight enemy fighters in the 8th Air Force's tenth attack on the Reich's great shipbuilding and industrial area since Nov. 1. Soon after dark Royal Air Force night bombers roared over the Strait of Dover. Observers said they saw bomb flashes near the Boulogne area on the French coast, as well as anti-aircraft fire and concen-trations of searchlights. The bombers returned after about an hour.

N EW YORK - Santa Claus waded onto the rocky shores of Somalia a year ago chuching an M-16 in one hand and a bag of food in the other. This Christmas he is heading home, no doubt muttering "Bah Humbug" as C-5 cargo planes airlift him and the Western troops he accompanied out of that African nation. No, Butros Butros Ghali, there is no Santa Claus. At least not this Christmas. But keep his number handy.

After checking their list, and checking it twice, American and European governments have decided to cross off the bold idea that the international community has a clear duty to intervene to halt politically inspired slaughter or chaos in member states of the United Nations.

Saddam Hussein's attack on the Kurds after Operation Desert Storm, the wars of ex-Yugosla-via and the brutal crushing of democratic protest in China and elsewhere created pressures for a collective response from industrial democracies to make the post-Cold War era one in which armed might could be used for right; Amnesty International with fighter-bombers, Mother Teresa riding in on a tank.

Mr. Butros Ghali, the activist UN secretarygeneral, embraced the duty-to-intervene concept in his Agenda for Peace, a report to the Security Council that called for giving the United Nations a standing military force of its own. George Bush acted in the same spirit by ordering U.S. Marines into Somalia last December to feed starving wom-

en and children victimized by warlords. But fighting the warlords in Mogadishu and wrestling with the UN hureaucracy have inspired a Western retreat not only from Somalia but also

from the idea of the duty to intervene. Under the

SINGAPORE — Perception can be more important than reality.

Negative reporting on the historie

meeting in Seattle last month involv-ing officials, ministers and leaders

of the 15 members of the Asia-Pacif-

ic Economic Cooperation forum has

Some journalists described the in-

formal summit as a mere photo op-

portunity for President Bill Clinton.

the host. A number of European re-

porters were dismissive on the grounds

that APEC members lack political

unity and are too diverse to become a

The development of the group in

1994 and beyond is likely to prove

these critics wrong. The 15 economies

represented in Seattle — Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Ma-laysia, New Zealand, the Philippines.

Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the

United States - account for 40 per-

cent of the world's GNP and 50 per-

cent of its trade. They also include

the most dynamic economies.

cohesive force in global affairs.

cance of the event.

By Jim Hoagland

Multilateral Peacekeeping, but Not This Christmas

Clinton administration, the United States has gone from leading the charge for new forms of peace-keeping and bumanitarian intervention to making the thresholds for such action significantly higher.

When the Russians informally indicated a few months ago that they wanted a UN force for Georgia, and the French sought a mandate for UN peacekeepers in Rwanda, the United States laid down tough conditions that blocked both ventures.

Worse, from Mr. Butros Ghali's standpoint, was President Bill Clinton's decision to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Somalia by March 31, come what may. The secretary-general now frets that his best hope may be to get out of Somalia when no one is looking — much as the United Nations did in Angola a few months ago
—so that the United Nations' credibility will not be damaged even more.

If be is to avoid that disillusioning outcome, he must now induce Third World nations, led by India and Pakistan, to replace the Western troops who have wearied of fighting Mohammed Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord who affected U.S. foreign policy more dramatically than the entire State Department in 1993.

France, Italy and Germany are following the lead of the United States and withdrawing their peacekeeping troops. Lacking the incentives and ruthless means available to their colonial ancestors, the Europeans are tossing the Somali hot potato back to Mr. Butros Ghah and leaving it up

to him to find replacement troops. The Europeans thus acknowledge a modern

Watch Asia-Pacific Collaboration Become Reality

Trade between the eastern and western rims of the Pacific Ocean has been increasing exponentially. Today the annual value of U.S. trade with East Asia is \$345 billion, whereas U.S. trade with Europe is \$227 biltion. East Asia is America's largest export market and vice versa. At the rate at which East Asia is growing. U.S. trade with the region will be double that of its trade with Europe

gotiations by mid-Docember.

By Tommy Koh

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by the ead of the decade. The Seattle meeting was the mes-age. In spite of their diversity, leaders of the 15 economies were able to come together and find common ground. They agreed to work for a united Asia-Pacific, based on free trade and against protectionism. They issued a joint statement reaffirming their strong commitment to conclude the Urugusy Round of global trade ne-

This had a salutary impact on the European Community. The warning to Europe was clear. If it had given in to protectionist lobbies and scuttled

the Uruguay Round, the Asia-Pacific economies would have an alternative to fall back on. APEC remains a foil

The Seattle meeting agreed to adas members in 1993 and Chile in 1994. Their admission shows that APEC is not a club for the rich. As Indonesia's President Suharto has noted. APEC represents a new form of cooperation between developed and developing economies, a cooperation based on trade, not aid, and on mutual benefit, not charity. It is grounded on the economic logic of

ouplementarity.

APEC is not like the European Community. It has no common external tariffs, nor is it a customs union. Its aim is to enhance cooperation and work toward reducing barriers to the flow of goods, services and technology. It is the first example of open regionalism. There is no intention to build a Fortress Pacific to counter the

tional hostilities, and from the pro-

hlems of ethnic or national irreden-

tism in countries near Germany. A

potential threat from Russia undeni-ably exists, arising from the turnoil

produced by the disintegration of the

U.S.S.R., but this threat is hypotheti-

cal today, and if it arose it would

concern all of Europe, and also the

Germany, which is solidly anchored

Otherwise there is no threat to

Germany's identity problem has

during the past half-century, found a

creative, if provisional, solution in the

development of the European Union. Its security from the troubles in East-

ern Europe lies in international action

to enforce respect for minority rights

there, to encourage reliance on diplo-

macy for conflict resolution, and to provide guarantees against aggression. This makes an indirect contribution to

Germany's geopolitical problem is

that of democratic Europe as a whole.

The problem is international, and so are the agencies of security - notably

NATO and the Western European

Union, the evolving West European military grouping. German anxieties arise in considerable part from a re-

cognition that NATO is adrift and

The American failure to recognize

this reveals the absence of geopoliti-

cal realism in Washington, which, in

the hangover from the Cold War, still

seems to believe that the new pro-blems in Europe will be solved bilst-

erally, by dealing with Russia's leaders: Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday,

Boris Yeltsin today. And tomorrow?

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threat of a Fortress Europe. For Germany, Geopolitics Is European

HEIDELBERG, Germany -- lt is the Germans themselves who have the most intractable "German problem." They ask whether Germany's past permanently has disquali-fied it from conducting a foreign policy. As Germany does conduct a foreign policy, this might seem a frivolous debate, but it is not. The underlying issue is a permanent one: that of German national identity

and national purpose.

During the past year this continuing debate has taken the form of an argument over the principle of German participation in United Nations peacekeeping and potential NATO
"out of area" actions. This has gone on despite the fact that Germany took a leading part in persuading the European Community to recognize the republics established from the hreakup of Yugoslavia.

Recognition may or may not have been prudent, but it was certainly an act of foreign policy. The subsequent

debate implicitly concerns responsi-bility for the consequences. The Germans also ask whether they can make use of the concept of "geopolitics" in considering their na-tional situation. The idea of geopolitics seems contaminated by its em-ployment and influence during the period of German unification in the 19th century and the years afterward, when it contributed to the intellectual rationalization of the Austro-Prussian and Franco-Prussian wars, and

the two world wars. Geopolitics says that the geographical situation of a nation essentially determines its foreign policy, or at least its foreign policy interests. As geography is unchanging, it would seem to follow that a nation's policy is predetermined. That scarcely is what Germans want to be told today. However, one can define the geo-

political idea in a different way: that

geography dictates certain national interests, but that these also are influenced and altered by history and political development.

By William Pfaff

tween Germany and France proves not to have been permanent at all, now that Germany and France have ceded essential elements in their warmaking powers to one another, and to the other European and NATO governments. European and NATO
governments. European union has
identified common West European
economic, political and strategic interests far more important than those that formerly divided the Germans

from the French.
The 19th century idea was that Germany's geopolitical position was destiny, fatality. No one would ac-

cept that today.

Imanuel Geiss of the University of Bremen has recently restated an essential distinction: between "geopoli-tics" as an ostensibly "scientific" ra-tionale for a policy of territorial expansion, which is what it was in rmany between Bismarck's time and Hitler's, and geopolitics as the study of the influence of geography on history and political choice. That such an influence exists is obvious.

The geographical aspect of the German problem today is that Germany is the most powerful economy and most populous state in Europe, and hes in the center of a continent without, for the most part, possessing natural frontiers. This is both an advantage and a problem.

Germany has relatively weak states to its east, and beyond them Russia, which sometimes is strong, sometimes weak (as is the case today) and sometimes threatening. The 19th century geopolitical idea suggested that Germany look for security through domination of its eastern neighbors and by huilding an army able to wage simultaneous wars against France and Russia (an early version of today's Pentagon "fight-hold-fight" doctrine). This resulted in two world wars and catastrophe for Germany. It obviously

makes no sense in today's Europe. The current threat in Central Eu-What in the 19th century seemed a rope only indirectly affects Germany. permanent geopolitical conflict be- It comes from Balkan ethnic and na-

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Deming's Message for America Is Clear Of Feasts Past

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — On a reporting assignment to Japan some 20 years ago, I learned from a Japanese engineer one of the secrets of that country's amazing success in penetrating Western markets. We Japanese achieve quality, he said, not by an inspection system that spots the defects on an assembly line, but by a concerted effort to get it right the first time."

That lesson was taught the receptive Japanese in 1950 by a then knew the shopkeeper, he might little-known American business management expert, W. Edwards American product for you," he Deming who died this week in said. In that era, America mass-Washington at age 93. Until 10 produced and sold 50 percent or

W. Edwards Deming believed American managers must take responsibility for control of quality.

days before his death, Mr. Deming more of the manufactured goods was still conducting management seminars for American companies. belatedly eager for his advice Corporate America, after World War II, told Mr. Deming to get lost

-and he did, in Japan. He advised the Japanese, who sought him out, not to copy the American style inspection system. but to incorporate quality control principles into the manufacturing process. He was first in the vanguard of American production experts whose advice had been rejected by American managers, because they bluntly told businessmen that

entering global markets.

from worker ineptness.

"Anything made in America [in the 1920s] was top quality." Mr.

Deming told a respectful audience in Congress two years ago, when he had reached his 91st birthday, as

active and sharp-minded as ever.

reach under the counter, and get an

"Anywhere in the world, if you

But then U.S. industry got lazy, rested on its laurels. It rejected the notion that industry should pay attention to what consumers wanted to buy, or that consumers would foot the hill for high-quality prod-ucts. U.S. executives scoffed at the foolish idea that any other country, especially Japan, which had a post-World War II record of producing shoddy goods, could compete. Japanese companies, however, were all ears. When Mr. Deming

first arrived in Tokvo, the top men

in the companies did not send just

poor quality products resulted their engineers for an eight-day mostly from their own failures, not seminar — they came themselves. seminar - they came themselves. The Japanese were also greatly influenced by another American management expert, Joseph M.

Juran, who went to Japan in 1954. In a recent Harvard Business Review article, Mr. Juran says that Japan would have achieved world quality leadership without his and Mr. Deming's advice. Still, he added: "We did provide them a jump start, without which ... the job might have taken longer, but they would still be ahead of the United

States in the quality revolution." In June 1951, less than a year after Mr. Deming's first lecture on the basics of quality control, Japan instituted the Deming Prize for outstanding industrial achievement. It then took 30 years, until 1981, before an equivalent American incentive, named for the late Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, was established to encourage higher American quality.
In the same year, Ford hired Mr.

Deming in an attempt to stem the flow of huge financial losses. Ford soon adopted its now well-known slogan, "Quality is Joh One," and not only has moved back into profitability, but has taken the industry lead away from General Motors. Yet, the full meaning of Mr. Deming's wisdom has not been absorbed in America: It is delusionary to blame America's trade deficits

with Japan or any other country mostly on their "unfair" trade practices. To be sure, the Japanese have at times been protectionist, and have blocked entry of foreign goods while protecting their own indus-tries. But their success has been

linked to product quality. U.S. manufacturers have been their own worst enemies. President Bill Clinton effectively made this point in his basic trade policy speech at American University early this year. Mr. Deming believed, and he was right, that American managers must take the basic responsibility for control of quality and for boosting productivity.

Lots of progress has been made in recent years, but not enough, Protectionist sentiment is far from dead, as we learned during the bitter political battles over NAFTA and GATT. In the case of NAFTA, it was organized labor that looked for protection against competition; in the GATT round, some sectors of the business community feared to test the quality of their products against all comers.

Mr. Deming was not an optimist about America's future: He believed that most American managers are too stubborn to make the necessary changes. "Who do you think will be ahead five years from now?" he asked at that 1991 meeting on the Hill. "Knowledge crosses borders without visas, and there is no substitute for knowledge."

The Washington Post,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Poison of Unemployment

Regarding "Economiss Taking His Roots to an Exponential Power" (Up and Coming, Dec. 13): Lawrence Malkin reports that when Treasury Undersecretary Lawrence Summers was an economic adviser to Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential candidate in 1988, he "never faltered in prescribing the economics profession's preferred nostrum of deficit reduction and higher axes." But the list of nostrums is incomplete.

When Mr. Dukakis was promising to "create good jobs at good wages for every citizen" and George Bush was pledging to create "30 million jobs in eight years." Alr. Summers pointed out that unemployment rates had to temain at around 6 percent in order to control inflation by discouraging workers from asking for higher wages. That is just as much a "preferred nos-trum" of the economics profession as any other. Such jobless rates are unusually high in histori-

cal experience. And because they cannot be spread evenly across the labor force, they create huge pockets of deep poverty and social unrest, It remains puzzling why policymakers and media commentators heap praise upon a profession that extols the virtues of high unemployment but then blames the jobless for not working.

FREDERICK C. THAYER. Bury St. Edmunds, England,

Regarding the front-page report "IBM to Slash Up to 13,000 Employees in Europe" (Dec. 18): Hans-Olaf Henkel, the new chairman of IBM Europe, gets my vote for this Christmas's Scrooge Award. Do we need any further proof that this decade will be remembered as the Nasty Nineties? His announcement of 13,000 layoffs was accompanied by such chilling remarks as, "There's a hacklog that we have to get rid of as soon as possible." As for employee morale, he said. "We'te not politicians, we

don't need to be re-elected." IBM must be a wonderful place to work,

TRACY HART.

The Tyranny Is Alive and Well Regarding the opimon column "Retire 'Pohit-cally Correct'" (Dec. ") by Brent Staples:

As a recent graduate of Tufts University, know full well that the tyranny of political correctness is not at all "imagined." News reports of what was happening in the ivory tower — speech codes, offensiveness ratings, kangaroo court trials, absurd revisionism, and witch-huntlike aggression toward conservatives - were true. The classroom atmosphere was such that a student simply could not openly question the premises of political correctness without putting one's grade or reputation in jeopardy, I still am angry when I think how intrusive and intellectually stifling the atmosphere was on campus,

> JONATHAN A. KAYE. Singapore.

Further to the articles you have published on the vexed question of linguistic political correctness (I would prefer the term "social inoffensiveness"), please allow me to recount a hrief anecdote that illustrates how difficult it can be to set limits in this matter.

While in the Netherlands recently, my wife and I invited the couple with whom we were staying to a testaurant. We paid the bill, as we had previously insisted we would, although over our friends' protests. Two days later, just before boarding out train for Paris, we were handed an envelope, obviously containing a few coins which, according to our friends, were small wouldn't have it, saying the amount was too small to buther with.

lmagine our dismay therefore on later discovering that in addition to a few coins the envelope contained enough French bank notes to cover more than half the restaurant hill! How could avone find anything offensive in my language if described this as a Dutch treat?

GRAHAM PADGETT.

Make Room for the Students

A Dec. 9 "Away From Politics" item says that America spends more on education than other nations but employs fewer teachers than "support staff." While various categories of these supernumeraries are listed, omitted is the most important, pernicious and expensive group of all: the administrators.

SAM ABRAMS. London.

Biblical Birth Control

Those who worship the fetus make a mockery of the teachings of Jesus. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus said: "Behold there went out a sower to sow; and it came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside, And the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth ... and some fell among thoms. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit." Jesus added, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

This is Nature's way, Jesus accepted the fact that some viable seed is lost. Mankind's overhreeding will cause the death of earth life. If we can't feed 5 hillion people today, how do we feed 10 billion people in 30 years?

FRANCES TYSON. Las Vegas.

BOOKS

OUTRAGEOUS BETRAY-AL: The Dark Journey of Werner Erhard From est to Exile

By Steven Pressman, 289 pages. \$22,95. St. Martin's Press. Reviewed by Paul Boyer

R EMEMBER est? In the 1970s, werner Erhard won fame and notoriety as the founder of Erhard Seminars Training Inc. (est), which promised a new life for \$250, (Eventually the ante rose to \$475.1 Thousands responded as on leaders offered "seminars" across America.

"Outrageous Betrayal" tells the stort of "Erhard" — a Philadelphia used-car salesman named Jack Rosenberg, who abandoned a wife and four children in 1960 and moved to St. Logis with one June Bryde ther. real name, apparently, though with Eshard one can never be sures. Reading da Esquire article on Germany, he came zeross references to the physicist Werner Heisenberg and the politician Ludwig Ethard. and melded them into a new name and a new identity. Bryde went along with the charade, becoming "Ellen Erhard," After another shirt selling used cars. Erhard pushed on west in a Buick stoler, from his employer. In San Francisco he tarned to deor-to-door book promotion. managing a sales force that he ener-

By Alan Truscott

Sessions of the Open Board-a-Match Team Championship at the

American Contract Bridge

League's Fall Nationals in Seattle.

in November, were four players

well known to tame: Paul Soloway

of Mill Creek, Washington, Bob

Goldman and Mike Passell of Dal-

Lis, and Mark Last of Canyon, Tex-

as. Their score was 35 heards out of

EADING into the two final

WHAT THEY'RE READING

David Susman, who recently retired from the board of directors of Marks and Spencer, is reading all the Dick Francis adventures he never had time to read before. "While I was working fulltime. I

never managed to get through all the books I had hoped to. I am also rereading some delightful 19thcentury classics like "Nicholas Nickleby" by Charles Dickens and "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Aus-(Michael Kalkribach, 1HT)



gized with rousing motivational speeches and group singing. Mean-while he fathered four more children by June Ellen while seducing many other women drawn by his charm

and dazzling smile. Sensing the commercial possibilities of the "human potential" movement proceeded by Michael Murphy of the Esalen institute and others. Erhard first peddied a program called Mind Dynamics and then in 1971 launched est. The message was a mishmash borrowed from earlier motivators like Napoleon Hill and Dale Carnegie, a large dove of L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology, blend-ed with Erhard's own Delphie exhortations. Converts included entertainment celebrates such as John Denver, Valenc Harper and Raul Julia, and corporate figures such as Bill Millard, founder of the Compu-terLand chain. Est graduates idol-

ized "Werner" as "the Source" of life-transforming insights. The empire unraveled in the

1980s amid a nasty divorce battle, bitter disputes in est's inner circles, and charges of wife abuse and in-cest-rape. As est graduates who experienced psychotic episodes filed lawsuits, the government pursued Erhard and his lawyer, Harry Margolis, for tax fraud. By the early 1990s, with the Source in exile in Mexico — or was it Switzerland? lieutenants carried on under a new

name, the Forum. Steven Pressman, a legal journalist nicely recounts the bizarre tale. partly known already from muckraking magazine articles and a 1991 60 Minutes expose. Particularly good on Erhard's Byzantine financial and legal affairs, he also conveys Erhard's callous egomania and the nastiness of the est seminars, where

"body catchers" and "barf bags" were available for people who fainted or vomited under the trainers' brutal, foul-mouthed harangues. The strategy was to destroy participants' sense of self-worth through techniques of deprivation and bootcamp intimidation and then encourage them to construct a new "self" free of the guilt and errors of the past. To demonstrate their transformation, "graduates" were pressured to recruit friends and associates for future est sessions.

Even in a field not noted for clarity of language, est-speak was excep-tionally leaden and jargon-clogged. Erhard offered banalities and the thuggish tactics of the schoolyard bully as a path to personal renewal, and a million Americans ultimately responded, generating \$430 million in revenue — eloquent testimony to the longing for meaning and authority in contemporary society,

Pressman tells his fascinating story well. Yet ironically — since he rightly criticizes est's "culture of amnesia" — he offers only the sketchiest historical context. Est flourished in a specific cultural-political milieu (post-60s, pre-Reagan), but it also had deep roots in the national experience. Erhard's brutally individualistic message was warmed-over so-cial Darwinism as espoused by William Graham Sumner in the 1880s — and again by Ronald Rea-gan in the 1980s.

And est's premise that one can simply walk away from the past and reinvent oneself by an act of will tapped into the oldest American invih. It is the theme of Her-man Melville's "The Confidence Man," whose chameleon-like protagonist assumes endlessly changing identities. Alexis de Tocqueville in "Democracy in America" described Americans' love of moving on and starting over. In "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald evoked the seductive lure of new beginnings, from the Dutch sailors who first encountered the "fresh green breast" of a New World to the novel's self-created, high-living

hero — poverty-stricken Jimmy Gatz of North Dakota. Bizarre as his saga may seem, "Werner Erhard" remains an authentic American whose story has more to tell us about ourselves and our culture than we may wish to know.

Paul Boxer, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, wrote this for The Washington Post.

And the Tastes Of Perfection

By John Mariani

UCKAHOE, New York -- Maybe it didn't A snow for Christmas every year in the Broax back in the 50s. But my memory of at least one perfect snowbound Christmas Eve makes me think it did so often enough that I still picture my neighborhood being as white as Finland when I lived south of Pelham Bay along the choppy waters of Long Island Sound.

It was an enclave of first- and second-genera-tion Italian, Irish, German, Polish and Scandi-navian families for whom sumptnous Christmas

MEANWHILE

feasts helped maintain their link to the Old Country long after most other immigrant tradi-tions had faded away. Food was central to everyone's thoughts at Christmas, and the best cooks in each family were renowned for specific dishes no one else dared make. The assumption that everything would be exactly the same as last year was as comforting as knowing that Christmas Day would follow Christmas Eve.

The finest ancestral linens were ironed and smoothed into place, dishes of hard candy were set out on every table, and ovens hissed and warmed our homes for days. The reappearance of the old dishes, the irresistible aromas, tastes and textures, even the seating of family members in the same spot at the table year after year anchored us at a time and place that was changing more rapidly than we could understand.

It's funny now to think that my memories of

food and dinners are so much more intense than those of toys and games I received, but that seems true of most people. The taste of Christmas cookies, the sound of beef reasting in its pan and the smell of evergreen mixed with the secut of cinnamon and cloves and lemon in hot cider were like holy incense in church, unforgettable.

No one in our neighborhood was poor, but no one was rich either. Yet we mounted feasts as

lavish as any I could imagine in a book. It was still a time when the vegetable man would sell produce from an old truck on Camp-bell Drive, and Dugan's and Krug's bread men came right to our door with special holiday cupcakes and cookies. The butcher on Middletown Road usually carried fresh fish only on Fridays, but he was always well stocked with cod, salmon, lobsters and eel during the holidays. The pastry shops worked overtime to bake special Christmas breads and cakes.

By Christmas Eve the stores ran out of everything, and pity the poor cook who delayed in huying her chestnuts, ricotta cheese or fresh yeast until it was too late. Weeks in advance, the women would put in their order at the live poultry market for a female rabbit — not a male or a goose that had to weigh 12 pounds.

You always knew what people were cooking for Christmas because the aromas hung in the hallways of the garden apartments and the foyers of their homes — garlicky tomato sauces, roast turkeys, rich shellfish stews and the sweet, warm smells of pastries and breads could make you dizzy with hunger. When you went out into the cold, those aromas would slip out the door



and mingle with the biting, sea-saited air and shaped like a church dome and riddled with the fresh wet snow sweeping in off the Sound.

At Italian homes in the Bronx, ancient culi
Christmas Day came too early for everyone nary rituals were followed long after they'd lost their original religious symbolism. The tradi-tional meatless meal of Christmas Eve, La Vigilia, which began centuries ago as a form of penitential purification, developed into a robust

meal of exotic seafood dishes.

According to the traditions of Abruzzi, where my father's family came from, the Christmas Eve dinner should be composed of seven or nine dishes — mystical numbers commemorating the seven sacraments and the Holy Trinity multiplied by three. This was always my Auntie Rose's shining moment. She would cook with the zeal and energy of a dozen nms, beginning with little morsels of crisply fried calamari. She made spaghetti on a stringed ntensil called a ghitarra and served it with a sauce teeming with shellfish. Next came an enormous pot of lobster fra diavolo - a powerful coalescence of tomato, garlic, onion, saffron and hot red. peppers spooned into soup plates around shiny, scarlet-red lobsters that some guests attacked with daunting gusto while others took their dainty time extracting every morsel of meat from the

deepest recesses of the body, claws and legs. Few children would eat baccala, a salted cod cooked for hours in order to restore its leathery

but the children, but as soon as presents were exchanged, my mother and grandmother would begin work on the afternoon's lavish Christmas dinner. It was always a mix of Italian dishes and-American novelties, like the rich, bourbon-laced eggnog my father insisted on serving before my grandmother's lasagne, in which were hidden dozens of meatballs the size of hazelnuts.

Then my mother would set down a massive roast beef, brown and crackling on the outside, red as a poinsettia within, surrounded by sizzling roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding glistening with fat absorbed from the beef. Dessert reverted to venerable Italian tradition with my grand-mother's prime-and-chocolate filled pastries and honey cookies called struffoli.

By early evening people got ready to leave and leftovers were packed up to take home, belying everyone's protest that they wouldn't eat for days afterwards. By then the snow had taken on an icy veneer and the wind had died down. I remember how the cold air magnified sounds from far away, so as I crept into bed I could hear waves lapping the sea wall and the rattling clack-clacks of the El. It was a kind of lullahy in those days, when it never failed to snow on Christmas in the Bronx.

flesh to edibility. Stewed eel, an age-old symbol of renewal, was another delicacy favored mostly by the old-timers. But everyone waited for the American Food and Drink." He contributed this dessert - the yeasty, egg bread called panettone, comment to The New York Times,

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mond ten. South would have won.

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take-out double instead of an overa possible \$2 Leading in the Board-a-Maich Women's Teams, with 3° boards, were huanita Chambers of Scheneocall if he had been short in spades with some diamond length. South therefore led the diamond tady. New York, Margie Gweedten for a winning finesse, and then finessed again. The diamond king was cashed, and the spade queen zinsky of Manhattan, Germanne Klafter of Allentown, Pennsylvawas led for a finesse. This gave him 12 tricks, and himost all the match ma, Shaun Womack of Irvine, California, and Jan Cohen of Los Anpoints. If East had covered the dia-

Murthy, 27, won the Life Master taken the spade finesse, and even-Open Pairs on Nov. 21. On the tually finessed the diamond seven for the same result.

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Clinton on Allegation: 'We Did Not Do Anything Wrong'

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton denounced allegations Wednesday that he used his security detail while governor of Arkansas to help arrange extramarital affairs, "They're outrageous and they're not so," be said of the accusations.

"We have not done anything wrong," the president told The Associated Press. It was his first public comment on charges by two Arkansas state troopers that they had helped Mr. Clinton meet women, booked hotel rooms for liaisons and sneaked a woman into the governor's mansion after he was elected

He denied that he tried to buy the silence of one

trooper by offering him a job before the allegations became public. "The allegations on abuse of the state or the federal positions I have — it's not true," Mr. Clinton said.

'That absolutely did not happen," Mr. Clinton said

Questions about the troopers' allegations dominated three separate interviews Mr. Clinton conducted as year-end assessments with reporters from news agencies, radio networks and the Arkansas news media. "It's a painful thing, especially at holiday time," the

BRUSSELS - Talks on ending

the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina

showed signs Wednesday of tenta-

tive progress on several key issues.

European diplomats said, but the

three warring parties remained far

apart on others with few indica-

tions that their differences can be

made particular headway on the

issue of guaranteeing the Bosnian

Muslims access to a sea port. And

all sides reiterated their commit-

By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service

tial jump in the seats his party con-

trols in parliament. Slobodan Milo-

sevic, the president of Serbia, has

proved again that he is one of the

most resilient former Communist

But his apparent failure to win a

parliamentary majority in voting

last Sunday will, for the first time,

force him to work with opposition

parties not under his direct control.

lvica Dacic, spokesman for Mr. Milosevic's Socialist Party, said

Wednesday that the group would

talk with other parties about form-

ing a new government, but he de-

Such a concession to pluralism is

first multiparty elections in 1990.

clined to specify which ones.

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leaders in Eastern Europe.

BELGRADE - With a substan-

bridged soon.

By Richard W. Stevenson that would halt the shelling of Sara-

ievo and allow convoys of humani-

tarian aid unimpeded access to be-

sieged areas.

We have the beginnings of con-

the foreign ministers of the 12 Eu-

ropean Community nations. "We

have to wait for the next few days

or maybe weeks to see what the

Serbia has essentially functioned as

a one-party state with Mr. Milose-

vic's Socialist Party of Serbia firm-

ly in control, backed by state-run

television and the higgest police

force in Europe. Any cracks in this edifice, diplomats said, would con-

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stitute a victory for democracy

even if opposition parties at this stage are as nationalistic as the

president about Serbia's role in the

debate into the political equation," a Western diplomat said, "Once they do that people will naturally

begin to question nationalism."

sition could further the cause for

"First, they need to introduce

Bosnian war.

significant, analysts said. Since its to-day cooperation with the oppo-comes in.

resident said. At times, he seemed uncomfortable review a personal file on his investments in an Arkan-

talking about the charges,
In his interview with AP Broadcast and other radio networks, the president was asked directly. by Peter Maer of Munal-NBC Radio, "So none of this ever

happened?"
"I have nothing else to say." Mr. Clinton said. Groping for words from his chair in the Cabinet Room, he hesitated and then continued: "We ... we did, if, the, the, l, l, the stories are just as they have been said. They're outrageous and they're not so

In Little Rock, the troopers, Roger Perry and Larry Patterson, also met with reporters, and they stood by their charges, "I'm telling the truth," Mr. Patterson said. "I've told the complete truth. I have no reason to lie." He said he was willing to take a lie detector test "or any other test you can come up with," although his attorney said otherwise.

so alone in my life." He said he decided to come forward because "I sat and watched him being packaged, groomed and polished for this ioh." "I thought the American people ought to know this

Mr. Perry said, "I'm scared to death. I've never felt

On another matter, Mr. Clinton said he would cooperate with federal investigators if they wanted to

Some Signs of Progress Reported in Bosnia Talks

sensus on some points." Willy one on Tuesday in which the Serbs Claes. Belgium's foreign minister.

said after chairing a day of meetings here among the three factions from the former Yugoslavia, and of the country place a third of the

Mr. Claes said the three parties territories would be returned to

In addition, the necessity of day- which is where the opposition

the United Nations mediator.

The session Wednesday followed

an government that any curve-up of the country place a third of the

But Bosnia's prime minister,

Haris Silajdzic, said Wednesday

that it was no longer the amount of

and grabbed huge chunks of terri-

tory. By including political foes in

decisions, the president will be able to blame them if the results fall

short of the Serbian dream that all

Serbs in what used to be Yugosla-

is that Milosevic is not a nationalist

because he believes in it, he is a

nationalist because it bas given him

power," said Sridan Bogosavljevic, the former director of the Federal

Institute of Statistics, "He will

drop nationalism if that means he'll

stay in power longer but to do that

he needs someone to blame -

The main question now, diplo-

"The important thing to realize

via will live in one state.

land in dispute, but which specific

would continue negotiating here on Bosnia. The proposal from the of progress here towards an overall settlement.

territory in Bosnian hands.

Milosevic May Need a Coalition to Stay in Power

sas real estate deal and the deal's ties to Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. Federal investigators and congressional officials are looking into the costly collapse of the S&L and the owner's personal and financial ties to Mr. Clinton.

The file was removed from the office of the White House counsel, Vincent W. Foster Jr., after his suicide and given to the Clintons' personal attorney.

Mr. Clinton said he did not know what was in the file and that no one had asked to see the documents. "But if anyone wants, thinks that we have some relevant information, then obviously we'll do what we can to cooperate," he said. Officials said Justice Department investigators were interested in reviewing the file but declined to say whether it has been

Mr. Clinton refused to discuss the sexual charges in any detail, saying he did not want to go beyond a statement issued earlier by his adviser. Bruce Lindsey. which called the allegations "ridiculous."

Declining to respond specifically Wednesday, Mr. Clinton said. "We put out a very strong statement about it and I don't really have anything to add to what has been said in our written statement or what Hillary said yesterday."

must say I don't see any."

European Community diplo-

mats, having said they would apply

maximum pressure on the factions during Wednesday's meeting to

come to a speedy deal, put a more

Mr. Claes said there was a will-

ingness on the part of the Serbs and

Croats to discuss granting the Bos-

nian demand for access to the Sava

River. All sides also agreed to con-

sider having the city of Mostar ad-

count in 50 of the republic's 9,957

polling stations, which accounts for

Vuk Draskovic, leader of the op-

position Serbian Renewal Move-

ment, called the tally a "great vic-tory," pointing out that 21 of the

Socialist seats came from Kosovo.

where more than a million Albani-

ans, who want to secede from Ser-

a man who thinks of a multiparty

Mr. Stefanovic said he did not

campaign and form a government,

"Political instability is what

have to look forward to." Mr. Ste-

a former Milosevic ally.

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fanovic said.

system as the source of all evil."

hia, boycotted the vote.

only 0.5 percent of the vote.

Asked whether he saw any signs ropean Community as part of a

positive spin on the outcome.

Thursday with Lord Owen, the Eu-Serbs and the Croats, he said, failed solution. Mr. Silajdzic replied, "I

have been driven under the Serbian

Nearly 70 percent of Bosnia is now

in the hands of the Serbs.

Mr. Silajdzic said Bosnia was

specifically demanding the return

of lands around towns including

Bihac in western Bosnia and Vise-

grad in eastern Bosnia. Without

those areas under its control. he

said, the postwar Bosnia would not

Serbian forces maintained by Mr. lims will view the election results as five. The commission ordered a re-

seek to prolong the war to pressure

him further before they agree to

Bosnia's partition. Serhia is cur-

rently tottering under the weight of

international sanctions, imposed

by the United Nations in 1992 for

Mr. Milosevic's support of Serbian

With 98.5 percent of the ballots

aggression in Bosnia and Croatia.

counted, the central electoral com-mission announced Wednesday

that of the parliament's 250 seats. Mr. Milosevic's party would win

123, up from its 101 seats. A party

of Albanians that backs the presi-

dent has two seats. Four opposition

parties that ran on an anti-Milese-

vic plank were expected to win 120

seats. A party representing Hun-

garians from the Serbian province

practice of "ethnic cleansing."

ropean Community's envoy to the talks, and Thorvald Stolienberg, return of land from which Muslims

peace in Bosnia and Croatia, where mats say, is whether Bosnia's Mus-

Milosevic have waged two wars a setback for Mr. Milosevic and

Asked if he had enemies in Little Rock who were trying to destroy him, the president chuckled and said: "I don't have anything to say to add to what's been said. I think what I should do is keep working, doing the best I can at my job. I just -I have nothing to add

to what's been said. Asked why he didn't deny all the allegations in "simple, clear language," the president said, "I think we have cleared it up. . . I just think it is not appropriate in a situation like this for me to do much more than I am doing. What I need to do is just keep working at my joh and keep going on. Apparently in the world we live in things like this happen.

■ Networks Drop Interviews

The three major television networks dropped inter-riews Wednesday with Hillary Rodham Clinton after the White House harred them from questioning her about the allegations of sexual misconduct. United

Press International reported.
Lisa Caputo, the first lady's press secretary, said
NBC, CBS and ABC decided not to proceed with the interviews when told of the ground rules. She said that the interviews were arranged several weeks ago as "Christmas" programs and precluded questions on other subjects.

BOSNIA: Bleak Forecast

Continued from Page 1 represent intelligence views. Mr. Kanin's remarks were no excep-

Mr. Kanin's view is also conhabited by ethnic Albanians.

The intelligence estimate appears to have prompted no reconsideration of U.S. policy on Bosnia.

"There is no debate on these is-

ClA assessment and who is involved in policy-making on the for-mer Yugoslavia. "Sanctions are not a major policy issue. We don't question the boundaries of Kosovo. We are not in the business of redrawing borders."

"Milosevic in the long term has November 1990, the agency com-got some problems," said Nenad pleted an analysis predicting—ac-Siefanovic, a political commenta-tor. "Now he's got to work with the opposition but this is a man who summer of 1991 and that civil war still believes in the one-party state, could ensue. But Bush administra-

believe the opposition would be June 1991 when Slovenia and Croable to put aside the quarrels that atia seceded, and fighting broke kept it from uniting during the out immediately.

In its assessment, the CIA 53ys especially because one of the lead- the sanctions are likely to deterionomic sacrifices entailed in enforcrail and road connections.

tained in the written intelligence estimate, which sees Croatia absorbing parts of Bosnia-Herzegovi-na and recovering some of Krajina, the area in Croatia seized by Serbs in 1991. It sees Serbia acquiring parts of Bosnia now held by Bosnian Serbs and part of Krajina. In addition, it says that Albania might ultimately gain Kosovo and even areas of Western Macedonia in-

sues," said a top-ranking State De-partment official who has read the

The new assessment is not the first time the CIA has confronted a gulf between its assessment of the Yugoslav situation and the attitude government policymakers, ln tion policymakers chose not to act upon this assessment

Yugoslavia began to fall apart in

ing parties is led by Vojtslav Seselj, rate because Serbia's neighbors are making progress in the talks with no longer willing to bear the eco-the Palestinians," said Israel's deping severe restrictions on Damibe
"If it isn't today, it's tomorrow, and if not tomorrow, it's in another

retaliation for the killing of a Ha-New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — Two Israeli mas armed commander by Israeli soldiers last month. men were killed in the West Bank by Palestinian gummen Wednesday

Palestinians Murder

2 Orthodox Israelis.

Ending a 10-Day Lull

By Clyde Haberman

cused the opposition of exploiting

the deaths for political purposes,

and insisted that the talks would go

vitch and Eliyahu Levine, both rig-orously Orthodox men in their 20s,

overtaken by a car of Palestinians

who fired at them. They had re-

portedly visited the West Bank set-dement of Ofra, north of Ramal-

lah, and were fired on as they drove through Beituma, an Arab village a

Two Palestinian groups claimed

responsibility for the attack - the

Democratic Front for the Libera-tion of Palestine, based in Syria.

and the Islamic Resistance Move-

ment, or Hamas. Israeli officials

said they presumed that it was a

Hamas assault, a suspicion rein-forced by a telephone call to a for-

few kilometers away.

The two Israelis, Meir Mendele-

As an extra filip, the attackers abandoned their car near the Rain a shooting that ended a 10-day hill in attacks by opponents of the peace talks between Israel and the mallan house of Hanan Ashrawi. who resigned recently as PLO spokeswoman. In the car, Israeli Palestine Liberation Organization. Television reported, were leaflets saying that Yasser Arafat, the PLO The killings reignited rightist protests against the Israeli government and led to demands from opchairman, and "the other trailors must be part of the armed light position parties that it break off gotiations with the PLO in Paris. against Israel." . But some cabinet members ac-

The attack Wednesday was the first on Israelis since a bus driver was shot and wounded near the West Bank town of Hebron 10 days earlier. The hill had followed a twoweek period of eve-for-an-eve vio lence by militarits on both sides, eroding public support for the Is-raeli-PLO agreement on introduc-ing Palestinian self-rule to the ocwere said to have been driving home to B'nei Brak, on the out-skirts of Tel Aviv, when they were cupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rightist unhappiness with the accord was deepened this week when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a parliamentary committee that the Israeli Army would not be allowed to chase suspected killers who fled into the first two areas where Palestinian self-rule is supposed to begin: the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. That would be the job of the Palestinian police force that is being created, Mr. Rabin said in remarks that were denounced by the opposition as an abandonment of Israel's

Israel and PLO Close In On Checkpoints Accord

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Israeli and Palestinian leaders met Wednesday for secret talks on border checkpoints amid reports that the two sides were close to an agreement on sharing responsibility for the crossings.

A compromise would clear a sig-nificant obstacle in the Mideast peace negotiations, possibly has-tening an Israeli pullout from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank region around Jericho, as agreed under the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

The two delegations made initial contacts on Tuesday night after the arrival of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel, then convened for a formal negotiating session in Ver-sailles, outside of Paris, Israeli offi-

The Palestinian delegation was led by Yasser Abed Rabbo. "I expect that we are in a stage of

uty forcien miniweek," Mr. Beilin, a leading dove in Norway on control of the borders. roads and bridges linking Israeli-occupied lands with Jordan and Egypt, and on the size of the Jericho enclave. Norwegian officials were taking part in the new talks. According to Israeli radio re-

ports Wednesday, negotiators were developing a formula in which border stations would be set up by both Israelis and Palestinians Palestinians would be checked at both stations, but Israel's negotiators were insisting that Israelis be

checked only at the israeli stations, the reports said. Another suag is over whether officials and other important persons would be exempt from Israeli security checks, the reports said.

In Tunis, diplomats said that the compromise on checkpoints was drafted in Norway and approved by the PLO chamman, Yasset Aisfat, on Migaday.

Israel has been concerned that Palestinian-controlled checkpoints could allow more militants and weapons to slip into the West Bank and Gaza.

Some Israeli officials suggested it would take a week to work out detailed regulations to cover whatever was agreed on in Paris.

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Mr. Milosevic's party, for example, will be able to block the passage of an opposition-backed law remain uniformly in favor of main-taining and even tightening sanctual of TV Services a cballenging his control of TV Ser-hia. a move considered critical for democracy in Serbia. The negotiations were a continu-ation of talks held last weekend in INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED **PERSONALS** REAL ESTATE FOR SALE **OPPORTUNITIES** 74 CHAMPS BLYSES WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT SWITZERLAND NINA FOELLER CLARIDGE ácie delivery, US \$15,000 ep. Tel: 44 071 394 5157. THOMAS KUNT LANDAU, DECEMBER 24, 1993 TIME CENEVA & FOR 1 WEEK OR MORE high class studio, 2 or 3-room operhierds, RULLY EQUIPPED, IMMEDIATE RESERVATIONS 2nd TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. Driving cinces. GM, 2 Partidious, Vovingmen Atlens 16671, Green, Fox 8962152 OFFSHORE COMPANIES. For Ire brockere or advice Tek Londo 44 81 741 1224 Fass 44 61 748 6558 ANNOUNCEMENTS Tel: (1) 44 t3 33 33 OW specialty slow 1973 whet Apartments/ Chalets MORREUX, YILARS, LEYSEN LES DIARLERS, SOTAND, AMS-MONTANIA, VERMER, etc. on STr. 200,000, (Mortgages) Attention visitors NATIONAL AGENTS wanted for MLM Unique range of health care products Most countries. Tel/Fox 44 81 3104061 new TAX-FREE toed Ronge Roves + Chevrolet + alc. descudes + BAWV + Audi + elc. costilios + Jeap + Loguer + elc. Scane day registration possible from the U.S. ! BUSINESS SERVICES 52, Monthelliant, CH-1211 Gazave Tal 4122-734 15 40, Fax 734 12 2 ing loft, quiet, removated bright, shop collings, wew. 34 mos. Available Jon. 1. \$1,275/mg. Tel. (1) 4328315. **\$AVE ON** USA RESIDENTIAL DCEANFRONT MAIR, HAWAR \$35,000 Down/rul Price \$140,000 +-Corp. was Equidate 1 & 2 bedroom leaury condos. \$100K below market walve. No suchifying financia. Tel. (24 Hrs.) 908-665-9660/res. \$08-669-128 International If you enjoy reading the IHT **Phone Calls** when you travel, why not nlsa get it at home? New you can call the ILS. and sorre as much as 5% coopered to local phonorparies. SAVE UP TO 50% off the major Cradit Card DRBCT Services. Pay less than U.S. originating rules in calls originating overseas. Herald Eribune Some-day delivery available REAL ESTATE in key U.S. cities. TO RENT/SHARE PLANNING TO RUN A CLASSIFIED AD? Call (1) 800 882 2884 (in New York call 212 752 3890) PARIS AREA FURNISHED Place your Ad quickly and easily, contact your nearest IHT office or representative with your text. You will be informed of the cost immediately, and once payment is made your ad will appear within 48 hours. All major Credit Cards Accepted. flerald eribune. To improve the quality of care children during their stay at Amund-Trousseau hospital, he association C.O.S.E.H.T. (Care Conserts Co.S.E.H.T.) (ALLBACK DIRECT Tel: 1/206-284-8600 Fax: 1/206-282-6666 417 2nd Avenue West Soutile, Wa. 98119 USA GERMANY, AUSTRIA & CENTRAL BUROPE, Fromburt, Tel: (069) 72 67 55. Frc (069) 72 73 10. HONG KONG Tal: 343, 18,99, 343-1914 Fax: 346-0353. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS English specifing meetings dolly. Tel. PARS (I) 46 34 59 65 or ROME 678 0320 or FRANKFURT 5974265. COMPANIES US \$350 GRECE & CYPRUS: Alberta Tel.: (30)166335246. Fox: 654 5513. PARIS LA DEFENSE 1 EBLING low? — having problem SOS HBP cross-line in English, 3 p.m. 11 p.m. Tet Paris (1) 47 23 80 80. DENNAMIK: Coperhoper (el: 3) 42 93 25 RESIDENCE CARTEL REIGN TRUST ENTERNATIONA Peregrire Yower, Lippo Centre, 89 Queenswoy, Hong Kong TEL: + 852 868 2244 FAX: + 852 868 5995 FREAD: Habita Tel: 358 (0) 667412 Fee: 6121112 to rent for 3 days or more. MOVING Tel: (33-L) 47 25 16 16 Fear (33-1) 41 25 16 15 TALY: Milono, Tel.: 58315738. Fox: 546, 2573 FINANCIAL SERVICES NEHERLANDS: Ample, Tel. 673757 Fox: 6737627 NORWAY & SWEDEN: AGENCE CHAMPS BLYSES DBC Signal TED ARAB EMPRAIES: Shorjoh Tel: (00) 351133. Fox: (00) 37.48688 Telex: 68434 IRNGF. NOW LIVE IN SUROPE ALL IS STOCKS, PUTURES & OPTIONS 100+ SOFTWARE APPUCATIONS CALL Signal IN LONDON ON 44 + 71 231 3556 Tel: (1) 42 25 32 25 PORTUGAL: Lithon, Feb.: 351-1-457-7293. Fee: 351-1-457-7357 SPARE Moded Tel: 3508789 Fee: 3509257 AT HOME IN PARIS WILZERLAND: Pully: Tel.: (021) 728 30 21 Fasc (021) 728 30 91 **EDUCATION PARIS PROMO**

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Chinese Talks End: Stalled, Not Broken

Beijing Negotiator Is Vague, Taipei Sees a 'Long Road'

TAIPEI - Historic talks between China and Taiwan ended Wednesday with disputes over sovereignty that are blocking agree-ment on issues arising from their growing trade and cultural ties.

"After four decades of separation, the two sides have different ways of thinking, different ways of solving problems," said a tired-looking Hsu Hwei-yow, Taiwan's chief negotiator. Mr. Hsu said he would not de-

scribe the talks as having broken down, but added: "When it gets to the stage when we're just staining our positions over and over again, that's no help."

"Failing to reach accord now is only part of the long road toward a final end," Mr. Hsu said. "This meeting thus should not be viewed

as having collapsed."

Mr. Hsu, deputy secretary-general of Taiwan's Suraits Exchange Foundation, said still refused any agreement that would imply Reijing's recognition of the jurisdiction of Taiwan courts. Sun Yafu, the chief Chinese ne-

gotiator, referred in vague terms to "great progress" having been made remained divided on on some details and said the talks put hijackers on trial. had created a good basis for future

Taiwan has hoped to reach agreements that would show the renegade province of China.

Taiwan is the seat of government of the Nationalist Party, which fled Mao Zedong Communist takeover of the mainland in 1949. Both countries still consider Taiwan a part of China and seek remification, but on their own terms. The two countries held their first

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semiofficial meeting un neutral ground in Singapore in April, and subsequent rounds were held in China This was the first time Taiwan granted entry to representatives from Beijing except for pri-vate, personal visits.

The talks, which began Saturday in Taipei, have centered on the repatriation of hijackers, fishing disputes and illegal immigrants.

Taiwan prepared new proposals for Wednesday's meeting covering hijackers and illegal immigrants, but China refused to discuss them. "They have made their points very clear," Mr. Hsu said. He did not say what new mea-

sures the proposals contained. On Sunday, both sides agreed that bijackers be repatriated under the principles of humanitarianism, safety and convenience. But they remained divided on who should

China insisted that all hijackers be returned within 15 days except in certain "special cases." China had said previously that hijackers island as a sovereign state, not as a should be sent back immediately without exception. (AP, Reiters)



A policeman stopping an anti-China demonstrator outside the Taipei building where the talks were being held Wednesday.

China Assails BBC Over Report Alleging Mao Sex Romps

BELJING — The government said Wednesday that the BBC had offended China by airing a documentary about Mao Zedong that included reports of sexual escapades. It threatened

At a time when China and Britain are clashing over the political future of Hong Kong, "Chairman Mao — The Last Emperor" was broadcast Monday despite official Chinese proThe hourlong documentary included an in-terview with Mao's former doctor saying the founder of Communist China indulged in sex

with young girls.
"BBC's insisting on airing this documentary
burt the feelings of the Chinese people and
revealed the degradation of the press ethics of this corporation," the Foreign Ministry said in

"Therefore, BBC should be beld responsible for all the consequences arising therefrom." It

did not specify what action the government might take, Although Mao's policies have been discarded by the current leadership. Mao is still revered by many Chinese as a patriot who ended more

For the centenary of Mao's birth Sunday, the official Chinese media have begun a campaign portraying him as a grandfather figure and man

Aboriginal Australians Rejoice After Passage Of a Land-Rights Law

their supporiers rejoiced Wednes- win claim to. They can argue day after Parliament voted to let against commercial projects. par-Australia's original inhabitants ticularly mines, but will have no press territorial claims to as much as one-tenth of the continent.

The legislature restored native land rights that were lost when whites colonized Australia more than two centuries ago.

After a debate that began Fri-day, the Native Title Bill passed the anate, 34 to 30. The House of Representatives, controlled by the Labor government, which drafted the bill, approved it later by a vote of 78 to 62.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, but tribunals will not be in place to hear land claims until mid-1994. Legal challenges are anticipated. Prime Minister Paul Keating ju-

bilantly told reporters, "This has been the longest continuing probyears, recognizing that indigenous they arrived. people, that native people, had the right to their own soil.

The measure gives aborigines and Torres Strait islanders the right to make claims on territory beld by federal and state governments if they can prove their unbroken connection to the land. They could not press claims to privately owned

Torres Strait islanders, who than a century of foreign aggression and occumake up Australia's second largest group of native people, live in the tropical Far North and the Torres Strait Islands Under the law aborigines and

Torres Strait islanders are obliged

CANBERRA — Aborigines and other leases on any property they veto to stop them.

Lois O'Donoghue, chairwoman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Commission, said: "There were many times when we felt our. rights were being ignored." More than one-seventh of Australian territory already has been

designated by the government as reservations for the country's 265,000 aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people. Lawmakers say the new law

would affect an additional 5 to 10 percent of Australia.

Europeans began forcing tribes off their land as soon as they came ashore in 1788. They invented a legal concept, called "terra nulti-us," which falsely contended that lem that Australia has faced for 200 the country was unoccupied before

> In June 1992, Australia's High Court debunked terra nullius and recognized for the first time that aborigines, who now represent about 2 percent of the 17.5 million population, lived in Australia for 10,000 years.

Most of the nation's aborigines now live in cities and therefore would have no chance to establish a valid native land claim.

Mr. Keating's government in-tends to introduce "social justice" legislation in 1994 to provide urban aborigines with better social services, education, land and employment opportunities.

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Japan Coalition Wins a Battle Over the Bureaucracy

By Paul Blustein

TOKYO - Score one for Ja-

powerful bureaucrats. The government of Prime Minister Morihmo Hosokawa won a

PARIS - Georges Paques, 79,

who used his position as a NATO

press officer to feed secrets to the

where he lived in almost total ano-

life prison sentence for spying. The newspaper Liberation de-

scobed him as "the most famous mole planted by the KGB at the

battle to curtail the influence of

International Trade and Industry. industry, Hiroshi Kumagai.

Until recently, Mr. Naito had

Mr. Paques admitted spying for the Soviet Union from the end of World War II until his arrest in

1963, but he said he acted only out

terred the Soviet Union from war

by letting them know how strong

Georges Pâques, French Spy for Soviets, Dies at 79

a top civil servant at the Ministry of nel matters of his ministry because such issues should be decided by announced plans to resign after the bureaucrats themselves. Many several days of pressure from the of his fellow civil servants, both at minister for international trade and the trade and other ministries, supported him. On Wednesday, Mr. Naito main-

small but symbolically important refused to step down, saying a cabi-victory over the bureaucracy on net minister like Mr. Kumagai had imply acceptance of Mr. Kumatained that his resignation did not

Gaulle after serving six years of the

Mr. Paques became a press offi-cer in Paris for the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization in 1962, when

France was still a full member of

Earlier, he had served as a civil-

ian aide to the French chiefs of

During World War II, he worked

the body.

muled to 20 years. He was granted with the Free French government and pacifism.

Sent to jail for life in 1964, Mr. staff in the Defense Ministry.

amnesty by President Charles de in Algiers as an aide to Louis Jac-

avoid "any stagnation in the administration of the ministry." Mr. Naito said at a press conference that his tussle with the minister was "interfering with MITI's work, and the most important issue facing MITI is bow to respond to the

Mr. Naito's move appears to end

quinot, General de Gaulle's navy

Apprehended while conferring

with a Soviet diplomat in his Paris

apartment, Mr. Paques later admit-

ted at his trial that he had been in

istant contact with Moscow.

a Soviet agent," and insisted that he had acted only out of patriotism

But he proclaimed, "I was never

Wednesday when Masahisa Naito, no right to interfere in the person- gai's demand, but was taken to a dispute that underscored the mounting tension between the bureaucrats and the Hosokawa administration, which has vowed to firmed for the first time that he was forced to reduce the bureaucracy's role in

nesses and of ordinary Japanese. Mr. Hosokawa, Japan's first orime minister in four decades from outside the Liberal Democratic Party, came to office promising to deregulate the economy and, in the process, shift power away from the bureaucrats and toward elected officials.

micromanaging the affairs of busi-

The prime minister has made litheadway in achieving those goals, but the development Wednesday aroused concern among civil servants that ministers - who are virtually the only political appointees at most agencies may start playing a bigger role in areas that bureaucrats consider to

be under their own purview.
"There's not much anger, but we are concerned," a midlevel civil servant said after hearing of Mr. Naito's resignation.

'Totally Innocent,' Jackson Says

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Michael Jackson insisted Wednesday in a televised message that he was innocent of child molestation charges and con-

undergo a "humiliating" strip search. In a live address broadcast worldwide, the entertainer read a four-minute statement from his Neverland Ranch in California's Santa Barbara County. No reporters were present.

"I am totally innocent," Mr. Jackson said. Describing a complete body search by criminal investigators, he stated, "It was the most bumiliating ordeal of my life." According to sources close to the case, the 13-

year-old hoy who has filed a civil suit against Mr. Jackson for molestation gave the police a detailed description of the entertainer's private parts, which could be used to verify the boy's claims. Detectives investigating possible criminal of-fenses by Mr. Jackson obtained a warrant to strip-

search the performer to see if discoloring spots on his genitals matched those described by the teenager, sources said. "I have been forced to submit to a dehumanizing

and humiliating examination." Mr. Jackson said. Mr. Jackson told Oprah Winfrey in a February

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television interview that he had a discoloring skin condition known as vitiligo. Dr. Arnold Klein, who diagnosed the skin disorder in 1986, said the patchy white appearance was "a result of the loss" of pigment-producing cells of the skin."

Mr. Jackson, 35, bas not made any public appearances since Nov. 12, when he canceled his world tour while in Mexico City and released an audiotape in which he said he was seeking treatment for an addiction to painkillers. In his statement, Mr. Jackson assailed media

coverage of the allegations.

"I will say I am particularly upset by the han-dling of this matter by the incredible, terrible mass media, Mr. Jackson said. "At every opportunity, the media has dissected and manipulated these allegations to reach their own conclusions. "I ask all of you to wait to hear the truth before

you label or condemn me," he said, "Don't treat me like a criminal, because I am innocent." Authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties have been investigating child sex abuse allegations against Mr. Jackson for four months.

A Jackson attorocy, Howard Weitzman, said he was glad the entertainer took the offensive. "I think it's great to have a client who participates with his lawyers and show the world he's innocent of these charges," be said.

C New York Times Edited by Will Short:

Zhirinovsky Visit Ruffles Germans

Soviet Union, has died in Paris, of concern to prevent a nuclear

nymity afterbeing reprieved from a . At his trial, he said he had de-

heart of French defenses and Paques later had his sentence com-

the West was.

By Craig R. Whitney New York Tunes Service BONN - Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist politician whose ties with German extreme rightist groups have led newspapers here to brand him "the Russian Hitler," surred more controversy here on Wednesday in a

"You must like the Russians better than all these Negroes in American uniforms or Turks, because you've been burning them," he told the weekly magazine Stern, in an allusion to arson and other violent attacks against foreigners that have cost at least 24 lives here over the

magazine interview.

In the interview, published Wednesday, Mr. Zhirinovsky said voted for Mr. Zhirinovsky's Liberal

that the few remaining Russian troops in Germany were held in high regard. President Boris N. Yeltsin said Wednesday in Moscow viewed and the government's deci-that a quarter of the army had sion to grant Mr. Zhirinovsky a

Democratic Party in the parliamentary elections earlier this month. Mr. Zhirinovsky has said that be

regards the ultranationalist German People's Union party and its leader, Gerhard Frey, as his "partners." Mr. Frey is a Munich publisher who makes no attempt to hide his nostalgia for Hitler's Third Reich and conducts a flourishing business selling Nazi memorabilia. Mr. Zhirinovsky arrived in Mu-

nich on Tuesday from Moscow and continued with Mr. Frey to Vienna. The German television station RTL had invited Mr. Zhirinovsky for an interview that was to have been broadcast on Wednesday night, but the station said that the Russian had suddenly told them be was not coming.

Some members of the government and opposition parties in Bonn had denounced as a scandal both the invitation to be inter-

Russians Expect To Jettison More **Nuclear Waste**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW - A Russian Foreign Ministry official said Wednesday that Moscow might resume nping low-level nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan, Interfax news

agency said.
The official said that although the ministry opposed dumping.
Russia might have no choice if navy experts proved that it would be dangerous to keep the waste stored aboard two aging tankers. Moscow canceled plans to dump

800 cubic meters (1,040 cubic yards) of waste in the Sca of Japan in October following a public out-cry after it dumped an initial 900

On Monday, Yevgeni Romanov, head of the fleet's technical directorate, was quoted by the press agency Itar-Tass as saying there was no space left on two tankers that were storing the waste, which is produced by nuclear submarines. He said the fleet intended to ask the out controlled dumping.

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another parliamentary session could be called.

But although government and ANC negotiators expressed plea-sure that the process had not brosuaded to take part in the elections.

ANKARA - The head of Anka-

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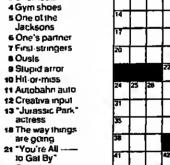
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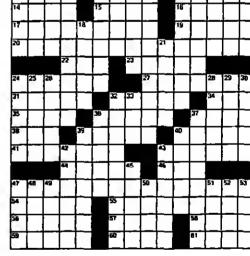


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YELTSIN: 'A More Open Style' in Pressing Reforms

Russians were voting for order, which be said be intended to pro-

Whoever the voters cast their ballots for, they were unanimous that Russia needed strong authority," Mr. Yeltsin said. The people are irate over the amorphous character of government, they are tired of the inconsistency and ambivalent decisions, they are outraged with the growing crime rate."
Mr. Yelisin vowed to remain in

office until the end of his term in 1996, saying he would keep his for-eign policy and the core of his government intact through that time. Before the parliamentary elections, he had promised to stand for elec-tion in 1994, and then had said parliament could decide whether to hold early presidential elections.
But on Wednesday he ruled out
that option as unconstitutional.

like, but they must respect the con-stitution, which says that the president performs his duties through his elected term — in other words, until June 1996, Mr. Yeltsin said, "That means the basic foreign policy remains in place.

The president also said that he

reclection in 1996.

Many pro-reform politicians criticized Mr. Yeltsin for remaining emerged as the biggest winners.
The success of Vladimir V. Zhir-inovsky, a nationalist who has laid

claim to territory from Finland to Alaska, sparked fears abroad of a resurgent, imperialist Russia. The election also prompted a debate, here and in the West, about whether Russia's economic reforms should be softened in some way. with more attention paid to protecting the newly impoverished.

Mr. Yeltsin said the government

was preparing proposals for social protection. But his tone was far different from that of Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, who on Saturday attacked Mr. Gaidar and called social protection "the main area" of his government's in-

The president seemed to put his emphasis on financial stabilization, saying spending on social needs could increase only if inflation continued to fall. "We have to balance these two components," be said.

Mr. Yeltsin acknowledged that

say whether he hoped to run for be portrayed "in tragic tones." He reclection in 1996. impatience with two years of re-

> years, they have been tightening their belts. Now it is time to show

> "Appropriate measures are already being taken," Mr. Yeltsin said. Mr. Yeltsin regretted the prevalence of "demagoguery, the preaching of primitive nationalism" in the election campaign. "Condemning any overt or covert form of extremism, fascism and aggressive nation-alism, I will resolutely dissociate

■ Talk With U.S. President Mr. Yeltsin on Wednesday and described the Russian leader as "upbeat? despite the parliamentary

Continued from Page 1

leaving behind a prosperous, white By gerrymandering and forced 14 Columbia removals, 17 million blacks were athlete

South Africa.
The homeland leaders now insist that South Africa has no authority

gave in 1977. Whites in the Freedom Alliance also insist that they will feel secure only if they attain a semiautonomous bomeland, while blacks such as Chief Buthelezi want to preserve ah array of powers given them un-

But the conceptual centerpiece of the new constitution rejects the idea of splitting the country into sovereign, ethnically based bomelands, saying that would amount to another version of apartheid. Thus,

April.

The next opportunity to chart a course out of the morass will come early next year. The government and the ANC have held out the possibility that constitution can be amended if their enemies agree to recognize its legitimacy and partici-pate in the country's first nonracial elections April 27. If they agree,

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form that have produced few beneneutral in the Dec. 12 elections. fits. Without expecting miracles, Pro-reform parties split, and ultra-nationalists and Communists people have a right to expect im-provements "at least in some areas," Mr. Yeltsin said.
"I feel the people's patience has been exhausted," he said. "For two

> Mr. Yeltsin described as especially worrisome the election re-sults in Russia's vast and underpaid army, one-third of which he said voted for Mr. Zhirinovsky.

myself from odious provocative intentions of extremists, and try to President Bill Clinton talked to

By Barry James onul Herald Tribuo

VRY, France - Imagine that you have to arrange thousands of weighty tomes in a library. Neither the books nor the chapters are labeled. The pages — there are several hundred to each volume - are jumbled up and are not numbered. And the text is written in a language you don't quite understand, using no more than four letters of the alphabet.

The only thing you know for certain is that the library has 23 rooms of varying size, and each room has two identical sets of shelves.

Now arrange the books in the correct order. A team of French scientists researching the human genetic blueprint known as the genome has in effect succeeded in doing just that. Daniel Cohen, Jean Weissenbach and Ilya M. Chu-makov — all members of the Genethon research laboratory here — have managed, figuratively, to place the books in order on the shelves, put the chapters in sequence and work

out many of the page numbers.

Their "first generation physical map of the human genome" is being hailed as a stunning scientific achievement that will provide re-searchers a valuable tool in bunting the genes responsible for more than 3,000 known heredi-

The map gives a broad but still imprecise and scanuly detailed overview of about 90 percent of the genome, compared to the two percent that had been mapped before.

The achievement fulfills Genethon's aim of completing the map in three years. The laboratory was established in 1990 by the French muscular dystrophy association, with money from an annual series of televised fund-raisers. The latest telethon raised more than 350 million francs (\$60 million) in cash and pledges in what has become one of France's most popular na-

In keeping with its philosophy that genetic information should not be patented. Genethon immediately made the map available over the faternet scientific network and will publish its findings in a 300-page book early next year.

The library represents the genome, a 32.5 billion character "text" written in linear fashion along a 1.5 meter wisp of deoxyribonucleic acid or DNA, one thousand times thinner than a filament of silk. The DNA, arranged in the famous double helix, is coiled up in a space one thousand times smaller than a pinhead in the heart of each human cell.

Each room in the library represents one of 23 pairs of chromosomes, one from the father and one from the mother. The books represent the more than 30,000 slices of DNA material that the Genethon team multiplied and analyzed with the help of sophisticated robots and pow-

The DNA map gives an overview of 90 percent of the genome, compared to 2 percent known before.

erful computers. The chapter headings are genetic "markers," or known information points within the DNA fragments. Finding a marker is something like searching for an unusual word in a huge computer data base.

The chemical "language" of the DNA text is translated into various combinations of four letters, for example, TCGACGTTCATphotic rune. Every few thousand characters, the text resolves into clusters of information known as genes, the instructions that tell eyes to be blue or hair to he curly. But sometimes, the book of life contains a spelling mistake that can translate into a fearsome handicap like muscular dystrophy.

Knowledge of the book in the wrong hands could be a frightening method of social control. Only this week, for example, China said it would use eugenics to avoid new hirths of inferior quality and heighten the standards of the whole population.

"We think a lot about the ethical problems, a

Genethon. "But what the people in the muscular dystrophy association want is to find the disease genes as quickly as possible because they have children who might benefit."

The map combines for the first time a genetic map devised by Dr. Weissenbach containing more than 2,000 known markers, and a physical map created by Dr. Coben, which describes the way the DNA fragments are arranged along their filament. Dr. Chumakov was responsible for the technical wizardry that enabled the vast mass of data to be integrated.

It means that scientists can now place several hundred known genes with some precision on their respective chromosomes. In the future, the many tens of thousands of genes that still have to be deciphered will find their place on the map. The addition of more markers - the target is 5.000 - will enable gene hunters to concentrate their search in the right place in the

It took six years to find the gene that took the life of the son of Bernard Baratand, the energetic go-for-broke president of the muscular dystrophy association, and at that rate it would take forever to locate every aberrant gene. The map will make it easier and much quicker to locate such killers in the future. If a disease is associated with a known marker, for example, researchers will know in which chapter or page to look for it. In theory, it should be possible to splice over the segment of DNA containing the faulty gene, just as you can patch an error in a computer program.

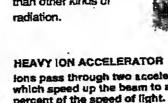
The map is analogous to the rudimentary chart that Columbus took to the New World. It indicates roughly where genes are, without sav-ing what they do. But as more markers are added and more genes are identified, it will become increasingly precise. Dr. Cohen pre-dicts that within 15 years, it will be as detailed as today's satellite maps of the earth.

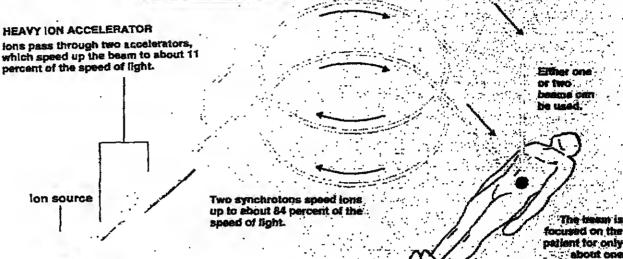
The Genethon team has achieved a breakthrough that had not been expected until 1995 under the vast Human Genome Project, led by the United States, which aims to describe the entire genome, chromosome hy chromosome huge amount," said Susan Cure, a scientist at and gene hy gene, early in the next century.

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Impotence: Aging Not Sole Factor

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

EW YORK - The largest study of impotence since the Kinsey report has found that about half of American men over 40 have experienced the problem to varying

The federally financed study, carried out among 1.709 men in 11 areas in Massachüsetts, asked them a variety of questions about their sexual potency during the previous six months

The study suggests that 19 million men from 40 to 70 in the United States, out of a total of more than 37

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have experienced the problem. That is almost double the current estimate of 10 million men, the senior author said in an interview.

The study of men representing the general population confirmed that the ability to have an erection declines with age.

"There's no way around it," the author, Dr. John B. McKinlay, who directs the New England Research Institute, a private research organi-Watertown, Massachusetts, said in an interview.

Although the aging process cannot be controlled, impotence has many other causes. In many cases impotence is a result of factors like drugs, medical conditions and hab-

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million, may either be impotent or its and of things like smoking, alcohave experienced the problem. That hol consumption and amount of exercise that are amenable to change or treatment.

Impotent men and their doctors can do many things to control the problem, Dr. McKinlay - of For example, they can modify con and intake of alcohol, stop smoking or tailor medications.

HE study was designed to measure men's assessment of their sexual function. not perceptions by their doctors. The findings were thus hased largely on self-reporting hy

randomly selected men.

Dr. S. Mitchell Harman of the National Institute on Aging said that the findings were "ambiguous" because of the design of the study. Since participants were interviewed only one time, a problem of the study is the mability to determine how often impotence improved or worsened and how often it was permanent. Dr. Harman said.

As an endocrinologist, Dr. Harman said that impotence was often temporary, related to factors like stress, grieving, illness and acci-dents. He estimated that potency improves over time in about half of

Despite the limitations, the findings underscore the growing importance of impotence to the field of public health as more men live to older age. The emotional devasta-tion from loss of potency often reaches far beyond the bedroom.

The study also indicated that impotence may herald serious disease of the heart and blood vessels. Low amounts of high-density lipopro-lein (HDL), the good form of cholesterol, were also significantly correlated with impotence.

The frequency of impotence steadily increased with age in the study, which is reported in the January 1994 issue of The Journal of

At the age of 40, 5 percent of men in the study reported complete impotence. By 70, the prevalence of complete impotence tripled to 15 percent. Over all, 52 percent of men from 40 to 70 had experienced

varying degrees of impotence. Heart disease, high blood pressure and their treatments were added risk factors for impotence. Ciga-rette smoking nearly doubled the risk for those treated for these conditions. The study also found that depression and repression of anger were strongly associated with in-creased sexual difficulty.

The authors said their study was

sive investigation on male sexuality and health since the Kinsey survey" more than 40 years ago.

Dr. McKinlay said the study began as an endocrinologic study mea-suring changes in 17 male hormones with age in it said he changed direction ading an article in The New England Journal of Medicine that pointed to gaps in scientific knowledge about impotence, Dr. McKinlay said he spoke with

two authors of the article, Dr. Irwin Goldstein and Dr. Robert J. Krane of Boston University Medical Center, and realized that he had collected crucial data as part of his original study. So with Dr. Henry A. Feldman, a statistician at New England Research Institute, Dr. McKinlay collaborated with Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Krane, who are both urologists. Dr. Dimitrios G. Hatzichristou, another wologist at

Dr. McKinlay said he intended to extend his team's study next year as part of the research needed for identifying patterns of risk factors that would allow easy identification of individuals likely to experience sexual decline.

Among the questions that need to be answered in future studies are whether depression or impotence tends to occur first. "Urologists tend to say impotence and psychiatrists depression." Dr. McKinlay

OCTORS have paid more attention to impotence in their patients in recent years as researchers have developed new tests to detect specific causes of impotence and treatments for some of them. Doctors have also improved their understanding of the physiological mechanisms of penile erection and how they can be affected to cause impotence. But experts have cauthe tests has not been fully deter- night.

Among the newer treatments are penile implants, self-injections of drugs into the penis and hormonal therapy, including testosterone. But Dr. McKinlay said his study found that lack of testosterone was not a major factor in impotency.

Other therapies include surgery to bypass arteries obstructed by a buildup of fatty substances, with the aim of increasing blood flow to the penis. Dr. McKinlay cautioned that men should try to modify diet and other behavior factors before "the largest and most comprehen- trying such therapies.

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Japan Pushes Anti-Cancer Project

By Andrew Poliack New York Times Service

HIBA, Japan — Ten months after the United States virtually abandoned a potentially powerful but extremely expensive approach to fighting cancer, Japan is completing a buge construction project here to put the technique

The procedure, known as heavy-ion treatment, involves bombarding cancer cells with ions of carbon, neon and other elements whose electrons have been stripped off, leaving only the positively charged nuclei.

Evidence suggests that such heavy ions can kill certain cancer cells more effectively than the X-rays or cobalt gamma rays now commonly used in radiation therapy. Compared with Xrays or gamma rays, heavy ions concentrate more destructive energy directly on a tumor.

For about two decades, researchers have been experimenting with heavy-ion treatment. using accelerators built primarily for high-energyphysics. The project under way in this Tokyo suburb, the Heavy-lon Medical Accelerator in Chiba, or HIMAC, is the first large accelerator in the world dedicated solely to cancer trest-

patients in March, cost about \$300 million to build. It will require another \$50 million a year to treat about 1,000 patients a year. The device occupies a space the size of two football fields and at its peak uses 25 megawatts of electric power, the capacity needed to supply 8,000

All this gargantuan equipment, power and expenditure will be harnessed to deliver beams lasting no more than one minute to a patient's

tumor. The typical course of therapy will require about 15 to 18 treatments. The usual forms of radiation treatment X-

rays and gamma rays, lose their energy gradually as they pass through the body, damaging not only the numor but also the nearby healthy rissue. Heavy ions, by contrast, lose almost all their energy at once, so the destructive force can be concentrated on the tumor, killing cancer cells more effectively and reducing harmful side.

As a result, heavy ions are particularly useful for treating tumors in areas that can be severely.

Expensive technique is set to be used a vear after the ... United States virtually abandoned it.

damaged by radiation, such as the eye and spinal cord, Dr. Hiroshi Tsunemoto, director of charged particle therapy research at the Naruns HIMAC, said it would be used for salivary gland and prostate cancers, which have proven The accelerator, which will begin treating resistant to X-ray treatment. He also plans to use the accelerator to treat lung cancer detected

at an early stage. The start-up of Japan's accelerator follows the shutdown of the one accelerator that had been used for heavy-ion treatment in the United States. The accelerator at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in Berkeley, California,

was closed in Fehruary after having treated about 400 patients since the 1970s.

would be expected from X-ray treatment, said Dr. Joseph R. Castro, director of the heavy-ion trials at Lawrence Berkeley. However, he said, the data are not fully convincing because the number of patients was very small and there were no randomized trials to compare heavyion therapy with other methods.

From the Berkeley experience, all we can say is that we think it's promising," said De Castro, who is professed and vice chairman of radiation oncology at the University of Califor-nia's San Francisco Medical Center.

Caffeine and Miscarriages.

A new study suggests that pregnant women who consume the amount of caffeine in one and a half to three cups of coffee a day may nearly double their risk of miscarriage. The New York Times reported.

The researchers also linked high caffeine consumption — the equivalent of more than three cups of coffee a day - in the month before pregnancy with a similar risk of miscar-riage, said Dr. Claire Infante-Rivard of McGill University in Montreal, the primary author of the report. It was published Wednesday in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study also found that drinking the amount of caffeine in more than three cups of coffee a day during pregnancy nearly triples the risk of miscarriage. Dr. Infante-Rivard said. ENATION

The researchers said the study supported the long-standing recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration, based largely on animal studies, that pregnant women curtail their caffeine consumption. Previous studies have reached different conclusions about the possible dangers of caffeine for pregnant wom-For some kinds of cancer, heavy ions killed cn.

Curing Doctors of 'Bedside Bias'

By Sonia Nazario

OS ANGELES - When Althea Alexander broke her arm, the attending resident at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center told her to "bold your arm like you usually tioned that the reliability of many of hold your can of beer on Saturday

Alexander, who is black, explod-ed. "What are you talking about?" she demanded. "Do you think I'm a The white resident shrugged:

"Well, aren't you?"
Wrong, Alexander was a top official at the USC School of Medicine. where the resident was studying.

In response to such incidents, medical schools have launched efforts to tackle a malady that may undermine the health care of women and minorities. Aimed at curing doctors of "bedside bias," these schools are prodding their pupils to recognize their prejudices and keep them out of the examination room.

The actions follow recent studies that show that even when minority and female patients have the same health insurance and income as white men, they are much less likely to receive lifesaving medical

Although the studies suggest that such gaps may in part be caused by cultural factors or physical differ-

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In a state where minorities make up 43 percent of the population. California medical schools have been in the ferefront of such reforms. Some deride the schools' programs as political correctness run amok. "I can't see how people can change their prejudice," scolls one white USC medical student, "I don't see how this will change any-

Medical school officials emphasize that doctors aren't more inclined to exhibit hias on the job than other groups, but say that physicians have a special dury to keep any prejudices in check be-cause their patients rely on them not only for their health, but for

"The kind of information a doctor gets from you, how long they spend with you, the kinds of treatments they offer — all are affected by bias," said Herbert Nickens, vice president for minority health education and prevention at the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"Discrimination and bias are very prevalent," agreed Judith Barker, a medical anthropologist at the University of California San Francisco, whose students discuss cultural barriers to treating black patients. "It is quite insidious. It comes in tiny pieces. But those tiny pieces add up."

Recent studies have shown the

Black kidney patients are 45 percent less likely than whites to

more likely than older blacks to get potentially lifesaving surgery to by-pass blocked arteries, said a 1992

study of 86,000 patients under

Medicare, the government's health

insurance program for the elderly.

American patients of the same in-come levels and health insurance as

whites are 20 percent to 50 percent

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of heart procedures, a 1993 Univer-

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study found. Women are 30 per-

cent less likely than men to get the

· Asian, Lating and African

get transplants, a 1991 New York State Health Department study · Latino patients who arrive at

UCLA's Emergency Department with arm and leg bone fractures are half as likely as whites to get pain medication, a 1993 study found.

In some cases, bedside bias may be deadly. Death rates from coronary heart disease between 1980 and 1991 dropped about 34 percent among whites, far outpacing the 25 percent drop in deaths among blacks, a gap many attribute in part to physician bias. Coronary heart disease kills almost 50,000 people cach year in the United States. Blacks remain twice as likely as whites to suffer cardiac arrest, and more than three times as likely to die from it, a recent University of Chicago study found.

Women are more likely to die during bypass surgery or when they have a heart attack, evidence that

nincrity patient care:

Older whites are 3.5 times said the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. Half of women who have heart attacks die within a year, compared with 31 percent

> At the root of gender disparities in treatment, the AMA said in its review of the data, is the sense that men are more valuable and contribute more to society than women. At the University of California

San Francisco, a mandatory work-shop on ethnic identity is followed by a 10-week "cross-cultural communications' course that half its medical students take.

Chicago's Rush Medical College offers a half-day orientation on di-versity and bias. The course, which began last year, taps everything from Whoopi Goldberg comedy tapes to a video by the American Academy of Family Physicians with vigneties showing physicians

In Rush's "cultural competence" course, students air their stereo-types about which groups they see as being prone to laziness or welare, or discuss why it's not a good idea to talk about a patient's breast size when she's under anesthesia. Rush works to break down igno-rance by thrusting students into minority communities — having them go door to door on immunization drives, or offer medical care in a housing project.

San Francisco General Hospital has created Latino, Asian and black "focus units," wards where the staff receive culture and lan-

As students learn about research studies that highlight gender and race gaps, treatment of minorities and women is changing shifts that may help patients in many ways, said Mariam Shuchman, an assistant professor of psychiatry at University of California San Francisco Medical School

Studies show that patients who feel their physician is supportive and caring are more likely to take their medications, return for follow-ups, and get better.

"We're beginning to sensitize recople." Dr. Shuchman said.



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Protests At Sale of Pignone to Americans

Commiled by Our Staff From Disnotches ROME — Italy announced the sale Wednesday of much of the state-owned turbine maker Nnovo Pignone SpA to three American companies, sparking protests from workers despite assurances their jobs would be saved.

The manufacturer's 2,600 workers marched through the center of Florence in anger at the sale by Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, the state energy holding company, of 49 percent of Nuovo Pignone to General Elec-tric Corp., Dresser Industries Inc.

and Ingersoll-Rand Inc.
ENI's managing director, Franco
Bernabe, said the energy group
would realize about 1.1 trillion lire (\$657.1 million) from the sale - 700 billion lire in cash and 400 billion lire in debt assumed by the buyers. A group of Italian banks will take
a 20 percent stake a 20 percent stake in Nuovo Pig-none, and ENI is to retain 20.25

Under the deal, GE is buying 25 percent, while Ingersoll Rand and Dresser each take 12 percent.

A promise by Industry Minister Paolo Savona to keep control of the company in Italian hands and safeguard comployment drew jeers from Nuovo Pignone's workers, who have threatened a sit-in at the group's Florence headquarters. Italy's privatization program be-

government sold control of Credito Italiano, the sixth-largest commer-cial bank, in a public share offering. The turbine maker was to have been put on sale in September 1992, but the privatization was delayed by political bickering and li-

gan in earnest this month when the

aly's corruption scandal. Mr. Bernabe said the bid price for the Nuovo Pignone privatiza-tion had been set at 7,000 lire a share. Trading in Nuovo Pignone shares was suspended Wednesday; the shares closed Tuesday at 6,269. All the major groups bidding for Nuovo Pignone were non-Italian.

that Tokyo is not moving quickly enough on its pledge and have urged Japan to adopt addition-According to press reports, they included Siemens AG and ABB al spending measures. Before the statement was made, the dollar Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. (Reuters. closed in Tokyo at 111.30 yen. But by the New Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) York close half a day later, the dollar was

Club Med Takes a Rath Record Loss for '93 Is 290 Million Francs

By Jacques Neher

uonal Herald Tribune PARIS - Beset by global recession, political strife and a shift in the market away from its pricey vacation packages. Club Mediterrance SA on Wednesday said it suffered a record loss of 290 million francs (\$50 million) in 1993.

The loss for the year ended Oct. 31, was much deeper than analysts were expecting. The company had a profit of 160 million francs in the previous year. "It doesn't look good," said Nigel Reed, of Paribas Capital Markets. "The market should re-

Club Med shares, which have lost half their value over the last three years, closed Wednesday in Paris, ahead of the announcement, at 321 francs, a loss of 14 francs.

However, Club Med's enairman, Serge Trigano, predicted that his strategy for cutting costs and prices and selling off several vacation villages will make the sun shine again on the company within two or three years.

"I hope to regain break-even in 1994 on our base activities and return to profitability in 1995." said Mr. Trigano, who was handed the reins of the company this fall when his father, Gilbert Trisano. retired amid predictions that Club Med was headed for a loss — its second ever after a 17 million franc loss in 1991 due to the Gulf War.

"I persist in thinking that the vacation concept of the club is a good," be said in his first meeting with journalists. "Our 'everything included' style corresponds to customer desires," he said, refer-

WASHINGTON - Treasury Secretary

Lloyd Bentsen expressed concern Wednesday

about the appreciation of the American dollar

against the Japanese yen after the dollar rose to

a seven-month high in trading in Tokyo, For-

eign-exchange markets responded to his re-marks by selling the U.S. currency.

"In light of recent cyclical and exchange-rate

developments, we are concerned that Japan is

not meeting its commitment to achieve domes-

no demand-led growth and a significant reduc-tion in its external surplus," Mr. Bentsen said in

a statement released to reporters Wednesday

In trade talks with Washington, Japanese

officials have suggested they would attempt to

stimulate their recessionary economy through

tax cuts. U.S. officials have expressed concern

ring to Club Med's policy of packaging vacations so food, hotel, air fare and a host of sports activi-

ties are prepaid. However, some analysts fear that the Club Med offering may have become outdated, and they criticize the company for not adapting more rapidly to changed market conditions.

The club continues to hang on to its 'sun, sex and sea' idea, but it's no longer valid for the '90s,' said a Paris analyst who follows the company closely. "The sun is cancerous, sex has become

dangerous and the sea is polluted."

Mr. Trigano said the company's 1993 loss was due mostly to economic recession, which has particularly hurt its markets in France, Italy and Germany, and to political unrest that forced it to close or severely curtail vacation villages in the former Yugoslavia, Haiti, Egypt, Senegal and Tur-key. The company has 105 villages operating in 36

"The political risks are impossible to estimate," Mr. Trigano said, noting that the company is used to having a problem "here and there," but rarely has had to face several hotspots simultaneously.

Acknowledging complaints that Club Med's pricing was out of line with economic conditions. Mr. Trigano said that, starting next summer, prices on middle-range villages in Europe would be cut around 15 percent, mostly for air fare.

And while holding in the everything-included

philosophy, Mr. Trigano nevertheless will experiment with a pay-as-you-go approach this summer at three of its French villages.

Bentsen Sends Dollar Lower Against Yen

quoted at 110.345 yen, down from 111.120 yen

Dealers played down the U.S. currency's

slide against the yen and said the move bad

been exaggerated by the thinness of the market ahead of the Christmas holidays.

English, a vice president at ABN-Amro Bank,

The Canadian dollar surged after the governor

said. "What this did is, it led some people to

close out their positions."
The dollar also wa: quoted at 1,7015 Deut-

sche marks, off from 1 7070 DM the day before.

at 1.4360 Swiss francs, down from 1.4485

francs, and at 5.7950 French francs, off from

5.8115. The pound rose to \$1.4965 from

In a television interview Tuesday, Mr. Bent-

sen said be did not see a need for the United

States to intervene in currency markets to sup-

port the yea. Traders said that statement bad

made them feel it was safe to buy dollars.

of the central bank was replaced. Page 10.

"The whole world was long dollars," Bruce

at Tuesday's close there.

QVC Reportedly **Gets Nod From** Paramount

NEW YORK - Paramount

Communications Inc.'s board on Wednesday endorsed a \$10.2 bilbon takeover offer from the hostile suitor QVC Network Inc., intensifying pressure on Viacom Inc. to raise its offer or abandon its longheld plans to merge with Para-

OVC's advisers were informed of the board's decision on Wednesday, said Enrique Senior, a managing director at Allen & Co., which is advising QVC.

Paramount officials did not return calls seeking comment. A had dismissed the QVC bid until a spokesman for Viacom declined to rebuke by the Delaware courts. comment and officials at QVC did not return repeated telephone calls.

The endorsement by the board of the entertainment and communications conglomerate was not binding and left the door open for Viacom to increase its hid in regain the upper hand, according to sources involved in the three-month take-

U.S. officials began 1993 with comments designed to devalue the dollar from its level of

around 125 yen. By mid-August, the dollar had

sunk to a post-World War II low, falling almost

to 100 yen, and officials then sought to stem the

decline. Since then, the dollar bas appreciated

deficit by making American goods less expensive in Japan while increasing the price of

Japanese imports in the United States.

A weak dollar would help the U.S. trade

Last week, the Commerce Department re-

ported that the American trade deficit with

Japan bad hit a seven-year high of \$6.1 billion

Japanese officials expressed concern about

"We know that we need to do something

their country's economy and the need to spark a

about the economy, and we would very much

like to do what we ought to do," a Japanese

finance official, who asked not to be identified,

said at Japan's embassy in Washington. "We

are acknowledging the seriousness of the econo-

by about 10 percent.

The announcement of a merger recommendation does not mean that Viacom has lost," said Wolfgang Armbruster, a PaineWehher Inc. analyst. "The only issue we have now is whether Viacom will drop out." Under the bidding guidelines es-

tablished by Paramount, both OVC and Viacom have 10 business days to raise their offers after the board makes its recommendation. "All options are still open to all

parties," an investment banker for Viacom said. The Paramount board, which

made its recommendation two days after receiving new bids from both cable television companies. Sources close to Viacom said Wednesday morning that the comnany remained in negotiations with Blockbuster Entertainment Corp.,

which has already invested \$600

million in support of Viacon:'s Par-

amount offer, and Nynex Corp.. which has invested \$1.2 billion. One source involved in the talks called the possibility of further in-vestment from Nynex a "longshot" and said an additional investment by Blockburter was more likely. -

The endorsement of the OVC bid caught by surprise Wall Street analysis, institutional holders and traders, who helieve Viaccon is still very much alive in the takeover Paramount shares fell 62.5 cents

on Wednesday, closing at \$79.00. QVC shares sank \$1.25 to \$40.75. Viacom Class A shares rose \$1.125 to \$51,00 and Class B shares rose 87.5 cents to \$36.00 At current prices, QVC's bidlis

worth about \$10.2 billion, or \$81.94 a share. Viacom has yet to disciose the value of its most recent bid. The latest disclosed bid from Viacom is worth \$9.97 billion, or \$80.07 a share, based on current prices. Viacom owns cable systems and

several channels including MTV and Nickelodeon. QVC owns a bome-shopping channel and is launching another network in the

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Flag-Waving vs. Mergers in Europe

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

ONDON — The collapse of the merger between Volvo AB of Sweden and Renault SA of France reflected many factors, but among. them was one particularly worrisome in Europe: rising economic nationalism.

The proposed Volvo-Renault merger fell apart early this month against a backdrop of cross-border strains involving many of Eu-rope's large corporations and industries.

Volkswagen AG of Germany, struggling to restore its financial equilibrium, has provoked harsh criticism in Spain with its plan to close its aged Zona Franca car plant in Barce-lona operated by its money-losing subsidiary, SEAT SA, at a time when Spain has one of Europe's highest unemployment rates. At the same time, Volkswagen is squabbling with the Czech government over its investment plans in Skoda Automobilova AS.

Airbus Industrie, the four-country aircraftbuilding consortium based in France, has found it difficult to proceed with proposals to reorganize itself along more efficient lines because each member wants to protect jobs in its own country.

Executives at CSA, the Czech national air-

line, have been feurling with their counter-parts at Air France, which owns a stake in the carrier. Four European airlines — SAS, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair and Austrian Airlines - nearly overcame a host of hurdles, including national economic interests, to agree to a merger this fall. But the talks collapsed when the airlines failed to agree on which U.S. carrier would be their partner.

There's no question that nationalism is a

major problem for a lot of European compa-nies that need to merge or take each other over in an effort to consolidate their industries," said Constantinos Markides, an assistant professor of strategic management at the London Business School.

In the case of Volvo and Renault, it is too early to say whether Volvo's abandonment of the deal will leave it badly wounded, as Pehr Gyllenhammar, the former chairman of Volvo, architect of the deal and ardent sup-

trend is accelerated when one or more of the potential partners is state owned.

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porter of Swedish integration into the European Community, said recently. pean Community, said recently.

In the end, the merger seemed doomed by a feeling that Volvo, a symbol of Sweden's industrial prowess, was being bangained away too cheaply to a foreign partner that could not be entrusted with the fate of Swedish jobs.

"The critics of our merger turn their backs on Europe and the world," Mr. Gyllenhammar and acid and mergenised bitterness. He resigned

said with undisguised bitterness. He resigned from Volvo after its decision to scuttle the deal. To a degree, the spread of nationalism into the affairs of corporations is an extension of the nationalistic sentiments that have played a prominent role in stalling the European Com-munity's attempts to widen and deepen the single market through mechanisms like a single

The trend in some cases, including that of Volvo, is accelerated when one or more of the potential partners—in this case, Renault—is state owned. The French government, in particular, is viewed throughout Europe as highly susceptible to pressure from workers to take steps to protect their jobs, even when other. broader economic interests may be at stake.

And the rise of corporate nationalism is perhaps not surprising given the deep recession plagning most of Europe and the doubledigit unemployment rates in most countries.

These nationalistic problems, looking at them over the long run, are becoming less of a factor overall, but they always become more of a problem during times of economic difficulty," Mr. Markides said.

Because nearly all the barriers to trade within the Community have been eliminated. companies are seeking efficiencies that come with scale, to aid them in competition. In many industries — especially large employers like the automobile and steel businesses companies are being pushed toward consoli-dation by overcapacity and the need to cut costs substantially.

"I would not say that the Volvo situation is in any way, shape or form a sign that cross-border mergers in Europe are dead," said Jim Wadia, a partner at Arthur Andersen & Co.,

the consulting firm, in London.

But he said that in certain cases bringing companies together had become more difficult, not just when large numbers of jobs might be at stake, but when countries perceived that countrol of key technologies, or leadership in those technologies, might be at stake.

East Asian Growth: Eyes Shift to South

for trade.

significantly increased the ability

Kong, Singapore, Thailand and

Malaysia to compete with Japan

these countries a more attractive tar-

get for Japanese investment, the OECD said it would also raise the

OECD said it would also raise the cost of capital goods and other imports from Japan, which supplies a quarter of their total purchases.

Despite problems in the region's two largest economies — Japan and China — Asia as a whole is likely to the control of the

likely in stay at the head of the

world growth league next year. Excluding Japan, where any re-covery will probably be sluggish,

the region's 10 major economies

will post an average growth of just under 7 percent in 1994, according

South Korca, Taiwan, Hong

While a stronger yen would make

By Michael Richardson value of the yen since mid-1992 had nanonal Herold Tribune

\$1.4885.

SINGAPORE - Recession in Japan and uncertainty about the future of China are unlikely to dim growth prospects in 1994 for East Asia, where expansion is being largely driven by domestic de-

mand. economists say. But as Northeast Asia slows, the focus of investor interest will swing to Southeast Asia, with the economics of Indonesia. Malaysia, the

Philippines, Sing upore and Thai-land expected to jost an average gain of almost 8 percent next year. This growth differential, coupled with economic and political uncer-tainties in China and Hong Kong, "could cause the China fascination seen among investors over the past year or two to diminish somewhat in 1994," said Sanjoy Chowdhury, chief economist for the Asia Pacific region in the Singapore office of Merrill Lynch & Co.

As a result, investor interest might shift toward Southeast Asia and possibly India if its economic liberalization program remains of track, he said.

Other analysts expect that Japan's relative economic power in Asia will decline over the next few years, due to Japanese domestic difficulties and changes in the pattern of East Asian economic

"Whereas direct investment in export-oriented manufacturing fa-cilities fueled growth in Asia in the 1980s, the new impetus for growth in the years immediately ahead is likely to be investment in manufacturing for domestic consumption and increased infrastructure spending," said Robert Broadfoot, managing director of Political & Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd. in Hong Kong. East Asian nations plan in mobi-

lize several hundred billion U.S. dollars over the next few years to improve telecommunications, air and sea ports, roads, power and water supplies, public transport and industrial waste management. Japanese companies, followed by those from South Korea, Tai-

wan and Hong Kong, dominated

direct investment in East Asian manufacturing in the 1980s.

However, Mr. Broadfoot said that Western companies had an edge in the more advanced technology and systems for infrastructure projects.

Japan is already encountering increased competition in export markets from products made in other East Asian countries where costs are lower.

And in a recent report, the Parisbased Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said that a 30 percent rise in the

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NASDAQ Indexes

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches vanced Wednesday on lower interest rates and optimism about infla-

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N.Y. Stocks

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ble drove the index higher.
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Among broader market indexes. the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 2.02 to 467.32 after falling the past two days, and the Nasdaq Composite Index staged a last-minute redisappointment with Oracle Systems' sales hurt software stocks.

Oracle, a maker of database soft-ware, fell 43 to 314 although the company said sales in the ended Nov. 30 had grown 28 percent to \$452.2 million. Analysts generally bad forecast 30 percent to 35 percent revenue growth.

· Long-term interest rates as measured by the yield on the 30-year over-the-counter trading.

Treasury bond fell to 6.22 percent NEW YORK - Stock prices ad- from 6.32 percent Tuesday, even though the government revised upward the rate of economic growth in the third quarter to 2.9 percent from 2.7 percent. Bonds surged af-ter a sale of U.S. Treasury notes

> Others are optimistic about the outlook for economic growth because of big declines in crude oil prices, although oil prices rose Wednesday.

York Stock Exchange. Volume on the Big Board rose to 269.0 million from 266.6 million Tuesday.

Can look forward to further solid growth in early 1994. James Solloway, director of research at Argus Research, said. He said be was looking for the economy to grow at an annual rate of 3 percent or more in the first half of 1994. Oil stocks rallied as North Sea bound, rising 0.45 to 756.08 after Brent crude oil for February deliv-declining for most of the day as ery surged 27 cents to \$13.74 a ery surged 27 cents to \$13.74 a

> Texaco climbed is to 641s. Royal Dutch Petroleum jumped 15 to 105. Chevron rose 13 to 875. Mobil was ahead 134 at 77%, and American depositary receipts of British Petroleum PLC rose 1 to

Intel shares surged 21/4 to 61% in

New Central Bank Chief Spurs Canadian Dollar

NEW YORK - The Canadian dollar rallied against the American dollar Wednesday on expectations that Gordon Thiessen, nominated to head the Bank of Canada, would be as committed to fighting inflation as his predecessor.

Mr. Thiessen, who is deputy governor at the central bank, will succeed John Crow, who has decided

Foreign Exchange

not to seek a second seven-year term. Finance Minister Paul Mar-

"Price stability will remain a priority under Thiessen," Tom Benfer, senior currency-market representative at the Bank of Montreal, said. He worked closely with Mr. Crow and will continue his policies."

The Canadian dollar last traded at 74.82 U.S. cents, up from 74.38 cents late Tuesday.

Mr. Thiessen said he would make stable prices his chief objective when he succeeds Mr. Crow

Relieved investors, some of abom had been concerned a new central bank chief might relax vigilance on inflation for the sake of growth.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Mr. Thiessen's appointment satisfies two objectives that could conflict: a desire by the new Liberal Party government to exert its pow-er and a desire to keep inflation

"Any fears that policy at the Bank of Canada is about to change have been put to rest," said Andrew Pyle, economist at MMS Interna-

"The objective of monetary polias with other economic policies, is high and sustainable levels of economic growth and employ-ment." Mr. Thiessen said at a news

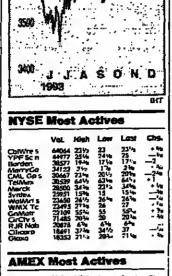
Mr. Thiessen is a "clone" of Mr. Crow, Daniel Kelly, an analyst at Wood Gundy Inc. who worked at the Canadian central bank in the early 1980s, said.

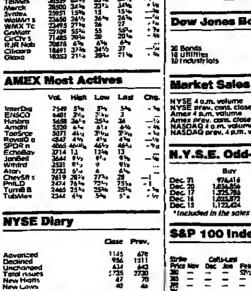
in a speech at the Reserve Bank of India in Bombay last month. Mr. Crow said the Bank of Canada had to move "carefully and purposefully" if it was to encourage sustained improvement in the public's inflation expectations.

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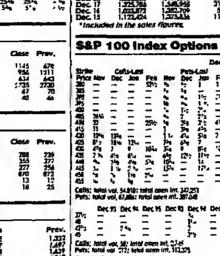
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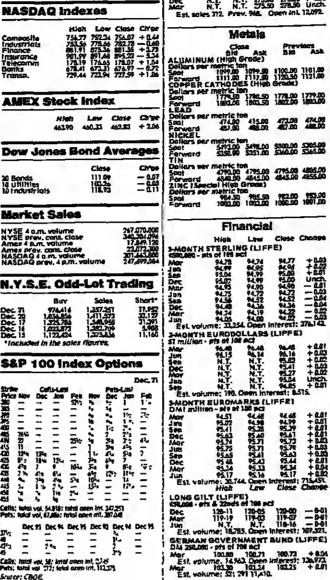




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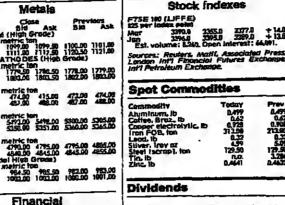


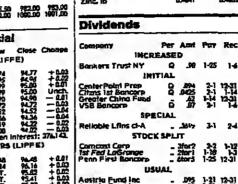
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IBM Returns to South Africa JOHANNESBURG (Combined Dispatches) — South Africa's Information Services Group Ltd. said Wednesday that International Business

Machines Corp. had taken a 24 percent stake in the group for 110.5 million rand (about \$32.6 million). The groups said further options had been agreed which, if exercised,

would enable IBM to acquire a controlling interest in ISG. This followed decisions to drop sanctions against South Africa by the United States and the United Nations after South Africa abandoned apartheid. ISG evolved from IBM South Africa after IBM distrested in February

Resters, Bloomberg • Merrill Lynch & Co. and Lehman Brothers Inc. said they had lifted all restrictions on doing business in or with South Africa.

Marietta Buys General Dynamics Unit

WASHINGTON (AP) - Martin Marietta Corp. announced Wednes day it had agreed to buy General Dynamics Corp.'s Space Systems Division for \$208.5 million in cash.

Division for \$208.5 million in cash.

Space Systems Division performs design, engineering, manufacturing and support of Atlas and Centaur space Launch vehicles. The division employs about 3,700 people. Sales in 1992 were about \$500 million.

UAL Stock Up as Board Weighs Offer

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — UAL Corp.'s stock rose nearly 3 percent Wednesday as the company's board considered a \$5 billion offer from United Airlines employees for a majority stake in the airline.

The board met at an undisclosed New York location to possibly vote on the offer. Terms call for 60,000 employees, represented by the Air Line Pilots Association and the international Association of Machinists, to give wage and work rule concessions during the next six years in return for a stake as high as 63 percent of UAL's main and. The concessions are wheel at about \$5 billion. valued at about \$5 billion.

The stock closed \$4.25 higher at \$148.50. Investors were betting the board would approve the buyont, said Sam Buttrick, analyst at Kidder, Peabody & Co. For UAL shareholders, the offer valued at \$173 a share "may be the best deal they can get," he said...

Borden Denies Any Impending Sale

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Borden Inc., squelching speculation of an impending buyout, said Wednesday that it was not in talks to be acquired by anyone and would announce a comprehensive restructuring

The troubled food manufacturer said it rejected a sale or merger of the company after "an exhaustive review of the full range of alternatives" with its investment bankers over the past several months. Borden's stock fell \$1.875 to \$17.25 after the announcement

Hanson PLC was the most widely speculated buyer of Borden. Borden, which went through a broad restricturing last year that centralized many of its operations, has failed to halt a slide in its carnings and market share in key product areas. Two weeks ago, the architect of that restructuring, Anthony S. D'Amato, resigned the chairman's post.

Wal-Mart Is to Stop Stocking Pistols

BENTONVILLE, Arkansas (AP) - Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will stop stocking pistols beginning Feb. 1, company officials said Wednesday.

A spokesman said the decision was unrelated to a lawsuit contending Wal-Mart employees were negligent in selling a grm to a mentally disturbed man who was later accused of using the weapon to kill his parents.

Lawsuit in Safra Affair Is Dismissed NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a racketeering lawsnit that some American Express Co. shareholders had

filed against several current and former company officers. The 1991 lawsnit stemmed from the company's alleged campaign in the 1980s to discredit the former American Express vice chairman, Edmond / : -

Double Fillip for Oil Price

NEW YORK — Crude oil prices jumped Wednesday after a drop in U.S. stockpiles and an offer by the Gulf Cooperation Council to cut output to stem a worldwide glut that has sent prices plunging this year.

West Texas Intermediate crude for February delivery settled 41 cents higher at \$14,77 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude stockpiles dropped by almost 5 million barrels last week, the

bers, said member countries are ready to reduce crude output, "if

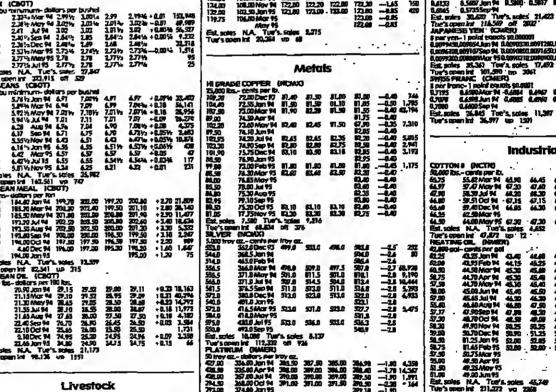
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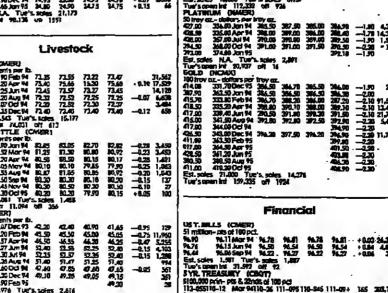
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German Union **Gets Model Pact**

IBM Deal Lengthens Workweek

was offering to base its pay talks with other German computer companies on its agreement with IBM Deutschland, which lengthens the workweek to 38 hours from 36 and effectively cuts the hourly wage by

A DAG management board member. Uwe Gudowins, said at a oews conference called by the union and the International Business Machines Corp. unit to an-nounce the wage accord: "We aim to offer this contract to other companies in the computer and infor-mation systems industry as a basis for their wage negotiations."

Mr. Gudowius added, "Such contracts can serve to save johs."

The increase in working hours contrasts with the approach taken labor and management at Volkswagen AG, who have agreed a cut in working hours, also in an attempt to save jobs.

DAG and the IBM unit, whose

Volvo Reported **Ending Project** With Renault

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM - Volvo AB will cancel its project to huild a luxury car with Renault SA, Svenska Dagbladet reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said Volvo technicians believed the front of the car would not meet Volvo's safety standards.

Volvo and Renault called off. a proposed merger this month after Volvo shareholders protested. The automakers' socalled P4 project, which began two years ago, was to build three models from a joint plat-form to replace Volvo's 850 and 900 series and Renault's top-of-the-line Safranc.

Volvo's technicians were displeased that the French automaker had been assigned to build the front of the car, while Volvo was given the sim-pler task of building the back, . (AFP, Bloomberg)

full name is IBM Deutschland In-STUTTGART — The labor formationsysteme GmbH, said the union DAG said Wednesday that it accord allowed the working week to be extended to 40 hours in separate agreements at individual factories.

If it is extended, extra hours worked would oot be paid for as overtime but would be collected in so-called time accounts for workers to use when they need to.

Under the agreement, minimum annual fringe-benefit payouts would be cut to 130 percent of a worker's monthly wage from 200 percent. The fringe benefits would consist of additional vacation pay, individual performance homuses and company performance bonuses.

Hans-Werner Richter, a mangement board member at IBM Deutschland who conducted the talks with DAG, said the accord would keep weekly pay at current levels, resulting in an effective 6 percent hourly wage cut.

"We will pay the same wages for two more hours' work plus worktime flexibility," he said. "This will come as a relief for the company because our cost structure still does not allow us to reach proper profitability and pay an appropriate dividend."

Mr. Richter said the IBM unit would save at least 8 million Deutsche marks (\$4.7 million) in over-time pay under the accord, and the personnel director for IBM Deutschland, Wolfgang Schröder, added that the agreement would save the company "further millions of marks" in labor costs.

IBM Deutschland currently employs 12,000 people, 15 percent of whom are represented by DAG. Other IBM units in Germany, which employ a further 9,000 workers, are "interested" in the pay model the company has negotiated with DAG, Mr. Richter said.

IBM Deutschland and DAG officials said they had negotiated the wage accord without the participation of the metalworker union 1G Metall, which previously conducted pay bargaining at IBM Deutsch-

IBM Deutschland last year left the metalworking industry employ-ers' association with which IG Metall has traditionally signed industrywide wage accords. Although IBM's production division reentered the association, Gesamtmetall, this year, IBM Deutschland

KLM to Watch Northwest Takeoff

U.S. Partner's Stock Offering Could Help Dutch Line

AMSTERDAM - Northwest Airlines is about to go public again, and oo ooc is looking forward to it more than KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

If Northwest's public offering succeeds, KLM, which owns a substantial stake in the carrier, will be well positioned for an equity offering of its own, bankers and securities analysis in America and the Netherlands say.

"Any improvement in the bealth of Northwest is good oews for KLM," Thomas Longman, an airlines analyst at Bear Stearns Cos. in New York, said. "If Northwest uses the additional cash to improve its system, that indirectly benefits KLM."

Several bankers and analysts have said that Northwest, the fourth-largest airline in the United States, plans to file for a public offering of as much as \$1 billion in equity and debt, possibly this week. The airline, which used to be a publicly

listed company, was taken private in 1989 by the financiers Alfred Checchi and Gary Wil-

son. They set up a holding company, Wings Holdings Inc., which recently was renamed Northwest Airlines Corp. Airline analysts say proceeds from an offering would be used to reduce the \$3 billion the airline still owes from that 1989 leveraged

Northwest declined to comment, but a banker familiar with the airline's strategy said last month that the carrier intended to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a debt offering of between \$300

ing in the same range.

Securities analysts were cautious in their assessments of the Northwest offering.

Paul Dayner, an analyst with BDS Securities in New York, said the recent agreement at United Airlines to sell the company to its

employees could reduce the attractiveness of Northwest's shares and debt. United intends to give its workers as much as 63 percent of its stock in return for a six-

'I don't think they'll be able to raise the kind of money they're counting on. Northwest is far from being a low-cost carrier.

Paul Davner, BDS Securities

year package of wage cuts and work-rule changes valued at \$5 billion. That could spoil Northwest's plans by diminishing the competitive advantage it appeared to gain last summer when its employees agreed to almost \$900 million in wage and benefit cuts over the oext three years.

"I think Northwest has a tough sell, particularly if the United deal goes through," Mr. Davner said. "I doo't think they'll be able to

The competitive elemeots of this husiness are changing daily, and Northwest is far from being a low-cost carrier."

Nowhere is the Northwest offeriog being watched with more interest than in Amsterdam, where the U.S. airline's success is seed as crucial to KLM's future. KLM has invested more than \$400 million

in Northwest in the two years the carriers have been coordinating schedules, sharing revenues and dividing costs on certain flights, moving gradually toward a unified operatioo.

In 1990, the Dutch carrier took a 20 percent stake in Northwest and acquired 10

percent of the voting rights in the holding company, all for about 5100 million. KLM's relationship with Northwest was the rock oo which the Alcazar merger talks foundered lass month. The negotiations. which were supposed to join Swissair, Austri-an Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System and KLM, broke down when the other three partners insisted that Delta Air Lines, a much arger U.S. carrier, he their American affiliate

and KLM held out for a link with Northwest. KLM denies that it is planning to place additional shares up for sale. But last month, after the collapse of the Alcazar talks, its president, Pieter Bouw, said the airline would go to the market "when the time is right" to strengthen its ability to grow.

The Dutch government has already shown support for a KLM share issue by expressing a willingness to buy 38.2 percent of the new

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 Colgate-Palmolire Co.'s Hungarian vecture has purchased most of the assets of the Hungarian cosmetics manufacturer Fabulon from Richter Gedeon, the latter company said; terms were not disclosed.

 Fokker NV needs "drastic" restructuring to cut the price of its aircraft by 30 percent over three years, the company's chief executive, Erik-Jan Nederkoom, said; he said he expected Fokker to return to profit in 1995. Heineken NV said it was acquiring a 52.3 percent stake in the Swiss brewer Brauerei Haldengut for an undisclosed sum.

The Belgian National Bank, heartened by a stronger franc, cut its key central interest rate by 10 basis points to 7.40 percent

 fberia participated in talks in Buenos Aires on Aerolineas Argentinas. which the Spanish carrier operates, and Argentina's economy minister. Domingo Cavallo, said afterward he was confident the airline would survive financial problems; further talks are due in January.

 Lasmo PLC announced the sale of a package of oil and gas assets off Britain to Powergen PLC for £123 million (\$183.1 million), subject to consent of the Trade Ministry and other companies involved in the fields. Renters, AFP, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder

One-Step Sell-Off for Elf

PARIS - The privatization of Elf Aquitaine, France's state-controlled oil company, will probably take place in one single step. Economy Minister Edmood Alphandery said in an interview published Wednesday.

There had been speculation in financial markets that the size of the Elf. ell-off would mean that it would have to take place in stages.

In an interview with the newspaper Le Monde, Mr. Alphandery also said that a group of stable shareholders will probably have a stake of around 10 percent in Elf after the sale, with the state retaining 10 to 15 percent. The state now owns 50.79 percent of Elf, which has a market capitalization of more than 100 billion francs (\$17.2 billion). Mr. Alphandery said the main factor determining the timing of the self-

off will be stock market conditions, rather than the state of the oil market, where prices have been very weak. The Elf sale is scheduled for sometime during the first few months of 1994.

European Laws Are Advancing

BRUSSELS - The European Commission said Wednesday that progress was being made by EC states in implementing laws aimed at achieving a single market.
It added, however, that

there were delays in some sectors, notably company law. The commission said that

around 87 percent of oational measures needed to imple-ment 219 EC laws had been adopted and that more than half the laws had been implemented in all member states. "The trend appears to be positive again," it said.

Member states have implemented laws on the free movement of capital and on excise duties and nearly completed ation and value added tax.

IMF to Yeltsin: Help the Poor

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Officials of the loternational Monetary Fund have said that they are considering loosening their conditions for releasing aid to Russia. but at the same time they called on President Boris N. Yeltsin to spend more oo the poor and less on prop-

ping up inefficient state industries.

Responding to stinging criticisms that the monetary fund has oot been sensitive enough to Russia's hardships, fund officials held out the hope that easing the strict conditions on aid would make economic reform more palatable to the Russians.

Despite the strong showing of forces opposed to economic reform in Russia's parliamentary elections, the IMF officials insisted that the wisest course for Russia would still be to move full speed ahead with the aim of getting the pain of the reform behind it. Nonetheless, the monetary fund's chief oegotiator

on Russia, Ernesto Hernandez-Cata, said in an interview Tuesday that the crucial thing was for Russia to continue moving in the right direction oo everhauling its economy, not for it to meet precise targets, like those set on cutting inflation.
"I will display flexibility, provided that there are

visible signs in the right direction." he said. A central feature of Russian aid put forward by the major industrial nations and the International Mone-

on steps 10 curb credits and subsidies to industries. Economists say these credits have been responsible for Russia's high inflation rate.

But limiting the credits would mean closing some iodustries, throwing Russians out of work with little help in finding new johs or supporting their families. One option that aid officials are exploring would be for Western governments and the World Bank 10 step up aid for privatization and support for the poor, even if Russia fails to meet its IMF inflation targets.

Western aid officials believe that Russia's living standards will continue to suffer unless it pushes ahead with hroad-based reforms, including privatization and creating a Western-style banking system. They also assert that failing to bring inflation under control would be a recipe for economic and political disaster. Russia has so far received only about \$10 billion of

the \$28 hillion in aid that the major industrial nations, known as the Group of Seven, pledged to provide at a meeting in April in Tokyo. Of that, the IMF has provided just \$1.5 hillion of

the \$13 billion it was expected to provide, largely because Russia has fallen far short of satisfying the goals it promised to meet in an agreement Moscow signed in May with the monetary fund.

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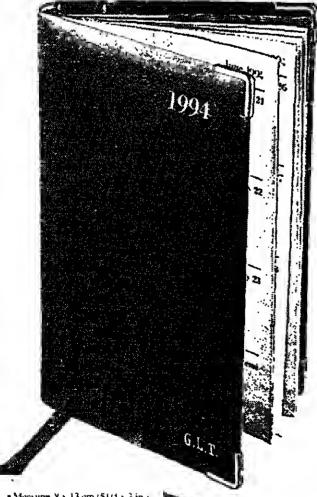
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Gold Rush in Asia Bonds **Executives Are Scooping Up Rich Paychecks**

HONG KONG -Asia's rapidly emerging bond market has prompted a bidding war among foreign financial houses in Hong Kong for executives who know fixed-income securities

In recent months, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs have all paid top dollar for executives brought on to beef up their debt securities expertise. One reason is that the volume of Hong Kong dollar-denominated debt securities by local and international companies has his 20 billion dol-lars (\$2.6 billion) this year, double the 1992 figure.

In addition, the market for dragon bonds has hit \$2.9 billion this year, up from the \$700 million between October 1991, when the first dragon was issued, and the end of 1992. Dragon bonds are issues sold and listed in Asia outside of Japan and

denominated in currencies from outside the region. Bond underwriters will be even busier in the years ahead, thanks to the estimated \$1 trillion needed to bankroll infrastructure projects in the Asia-Pacific region, according to Merrill Lynch.

"New firms are coming into the market from Europe and the U.S. The existing ones are staffing up. And the dearth of qualified people has resulted in prices being driven up for hiring such people, said Scott Hall, managing director of Burns Hall Asia Ltd., an executive search firm in Hong Kong. other perquisites — for top bond executives can easily exceed \$1 million annually.

Just this week, Goldman Sachs hired away Kenneth Koo, deputy head of listing at the Hong Kong stock exchange, to work in the Wall Street compa-ny's corporate finance department, according to

Merrill Lynch bas quadrupled its fixed-income team of analysts and underwriters, to 20 executives, its bond sales force has more than doubled to

10 this year. Another five salespeople will be added in 1994, according to the company.

The Hong Kong operation of the French bank Societé Générale has an eight-member bond team, up from two to three a year ago, and will add two more people early in the new year, said Hawlie Au, assistant director. The bank has moved its Asian trading center for bonds from Tokyo to Hong Kong.

"It's the last leg of our overall expansion. We got involved with securities a long time ago and are now one of the top three in options trading," he said.

The British merchant bank S.G. Warburg opened a bond sales desk in Hong Kong, its third in Asia, Now, Robert Douch, director of War-hurg's Asian fixed-income business, says that as of Jan. 1, he will be running all of Warburg's Asian debt sales out of Hong Kong, moving the operation from Tokyo.

The securities arm of Barclays Bank set up a fixed-income sales desk in Hong Kong in August with a four-person team.

Big Koreans Plan Boom in Investment

SEOUL - South Korea's top three conglomerates, expecting a boom in domestic and overseas markets, on Wednesday announced plans for ambinous in-vestment increases in 1994. Hyundai Group announced a

whopping 119.5 percent increase to 4.5 trillion won (\$5.56 billion). Spokesmen for Daewoo Group and Samsung Group said their em-ployers would increase investment 44 percent and 21 percent respec-

A Hyundai spokesman, Kim lang Nyun, said the increase covered plant expansion and techno-logical development. "We want to be prepared for a booming time."

The group expects capital invest-ment to rise to 3.3 trillion won in 1994 from this year's 1.37 trillion. Investment for research and development will nearly double to 1.2 trillion won.

Hyundai expects to post 48 tril-lion won (\$59.26 billion) in sales this year, and the spokesman said the 1994 figure would be at least 10 percent higher. Daewoo said it would raise invest-

ment to 2.85 trillion won next year. A spokesman. Lee Jong Sang. said Daewoo planned to increase capital investment to 1.73 trillion won in 1994 from this year's 1.16 trillion. Technological investment would rise to 1.12 trillion won from 825 hillion

Daewoo said it expected sales to rise about 30 percent to 35.5 trillion

won next year.

Samsung said it would raise investment to 4.6 trillion won in 1994. spokesman, Sub Jung Dae. said it expected capital investment to rise to 3.3 trillion won in 1994 from this year's 2.7 trillion, and R&D investment to grow to 1.3 trillion won from 1.1 trillion.

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 TelecomAsia Corp. became the biggest capitalized share on the Bangkok exchange by more than doubling in price in the first few minutes of trade; capitalization totaled 258.6 billion baht (\$10.16 billion), as the stock, offered at 55 baht, jumped as high as 125 before closing at 116; Playmates International Holdings Ltd., creator of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles toys, said it was splitting into two separately listed companies for toys and real estate. Playmates Toys Holdings Ltd. and

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Sony Corp. plans to supply notebook personal computers to Dell Computer Corp. of the United States beginning next summer.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. sold a 9.47 percent stake in Modern Terminals Ltd., a Hong Kong container port, for 1.35 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$174.7 million); P&O did not disclose the buyer. Taiwan could open its rice market in July 1995, said Sun Ming-hsien, chairman of the Council of Agriculture.

• Toyota Motor Corp.'s president, Tatsuro Toyoda, said the company plans to raise overseas production to 1.4 million vehicles by 1996, from 280,000 units in 1993 and 1.02 million in 1994.

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Washington Raises Pressure on Tokyo **Over Market Access**

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the official, Sozaburo Okamatsu

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gets, at least in the insurance sector.

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a quantitanve criteria, a target or a

percentage to be reached in the future," he said, "whatever kind of

language they want to use we can-not accept that."

Mr. Garten insisted that Wash-

ington would continue to seek ob-

countries to set such criteria for

cars, computers, satellites, telecom-

munications, medical equipment,

financial services and insurance.

The Clinton administration has

called on Japan to reduce the sur-

But Mr. Okamatsu did not ap-

led by One Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - A U.S. official said after meeting Mr. Garten.
The United States said Tuesday warned Wednesday that relations between the United States and Japan would sour if they failed to get concrete results" on a framework for trade talks by the time of a summit meeting in February, Jeffrey Garten, U.S. under secre-

tary of commerce for international trade, told reporters here: "We not only want to see some progress, but want progress to be in the form of concrete results."

Under the framework started in jective criteria to gauge the opening July by President Bill Clinton and of markets in Japan, saying: "We want to bave some ways of evaluat-Kiichi Miyazawa, who was then Japan's prime minister, the two ing what those results are."

The framework calls on the two countries made a commitment to reduce Japan's hoge trade surplus with the United States.

After Mr. Garten's talks in Tokyo, it appeared the two sides remained divided over the question of so-called "objective criteria" for U.S. penetration of Japanese markets, with Tokyo continuing to reject the idea of numerical targets.

The framework is expected to be one of the major topics when Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa and Mr. Clinton hold talks in February. to be extremely important to make progress on the framework issues

starting right now. Flexibility to go easier on trade, in my view, is almost nonexistent." "If the summit fails to produce concrete results, I think that we are m for a very difficult several years," he said. "We don't want to have

negotiations which are evaporating Japan's deputy minister for in-ternational affairs at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry acknowledged Wednesday that

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was the year Mr. Deng cemented his comeback after the death of

By leaving Shanghai out of the

economic plan, Mr. Deng acknowl-

edged, he consigned it to another

generation of poverty. Had he act-ed earlier, be said, "the situation in

the Yangtze delta, the whole Yang-tze Valley, indeed in all of China

plus to around 2 percent of its gross domestic product, while Tokyo re-

But Mr. Garten said: "It's going \$1 Billion Australian Grocery Merger Collapses be extremely important to make John Patten, managing director of Indepen-dent Holdings, said the departure of Davids

ny that announced the proposed merger in Au-

"The foreigners who come back

to Shanghai and want to remember

the old Shanghai might miss the things that were familiar to them,"

said Jiang Jianyun, the deputy edi-tor of The Shanghai Star.

But the talks ran into regulatory snags and Foodland said Monday it expected the Trade Practices Commission, an anti-monopoly body, not to make a final decision until April 1994. making the offer unattractive to Davids.

try to rationalize from its current band of small independent grocery wholesalers, but with a different mix of companies forming alliances. David Perry, research director at Austock Brokers Ptv., said that of the five independent grocery retailers now in business, he expected two to emerge after the consolidation. The fifth

failed merger is QIW Retailers Ltd. Foodland's market capitalization, at 660 million dollars, overshadows that of IHL at 150 million dollars. Composite at 115 million dollars and QIW at 106 million dollars.

retailer aside from the four involved in the

Foodland shares closed on Wednesday at 7.70 dollars, down from a peak of 8.96 dollars after

the merger plans were announced in August.

Osaka Credit Firm Files for Bankruptcy

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - A nonbank financial institution filed for bankruptcy Wednesday with li-abilities of 250 billion yen (\$2.3 billion\.

Easy Capital and Consul-tants Co. in Osaka filed for protection from creditors after accumulating bad loans and investing excessively in real estate, press reports said.

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SYDNEY - An ambitious four-way merger plan to form a new force in the Australian grocery business crumbled on Wednesday second partner defected.

The Adelaide-based food wholesaler Independent Holdings Ltd. said it had withdrawn from a plan to merge with Foodland Associated Ltd. and Composite Buyers Ltd.

lars (\$953 million) that would have been the a gap remained in the trade talks.

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ports and power plants.

In part because inflation added

40 percent to the cost of the first 10

projects, Mr. Xu said, "we wanted to speed up and finish them in three

years instead of five years."
By March, he said, the municipal

government will be ready to begin

the oext phase, for \$25 billion, to

add a subway system; a second air-

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At night the young and the rich converge on J.J.'s, a disco built by foreign investors. Its nightly throb would scandalize the old Commu-

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The Bund has been stripped of the 70-year-old colonnade of syca-

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The colossal concrete pylons to

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worth of bridges, tunnels, freeways. support the nearly completed ring

had greatly reduced the benefits of a merger for IHL's shareholders. Foodland Associated, the Perth-based compa-

gust, said the combined forces of the four companies would have created a single group with revenue of over 8,5 billion dollars, challenging Woolworths Ltd. and behind Coles Myer Ltd.

Analysts still expect Australia's food indus-

SHANGHAI: From World of Rickshaws and Lilongs to Subways and High-Rise Buildings support the nearly completed ring She said residents of lilong More than 20 factories are rising road linking Shaoghai's two new houses do not find any nostalgia in behind fences marked with corpo More than 20 factories are rising bridges march through densely bundling up each morning to lug rate logos like Siemens and Hita-populated downtown neighbor- their chamber pots down the street chi. Most of the newcomers are hoods, crushing the traditional li- to collection points, "Those people banking on tax concessions and long houses, the tiny masonry-and- who live in those lilong houses are duty-free imports of raw materials timber quarters, often set above a very glad to be moving out because to assemble finished goods for ex-

shop, that are the hallmark of they are so crowded and the living port using Shanghai's cheap labor, working-class architecture here, conditions are so poor," she added. "For all practical purposes," said Today the focus of architectural preservation does not extend be yond the Bund, the old City Garden and the elegant villes of the largest joint venture in China, Shanghai Volkswagen, "the cost of labor in China is nothing."

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96, Ahmed Orabi St., Cairo, against a sum of 500 EG. Pounds.

Contractors are to fill-in the F.I.D.I.C. based forms as per the instructions therein in English language and return to the same address in a sealed envelope no lather than 12:00 noon of 30 January 1994, addressed to the attention of the Head of the Commercial Department of EGOTH.

The project particulars are as follows:

1) LOCATION

3) SCOPE OF WORK: The Construction, Commissioning & maintenance of a 5-Star 300 room hotel resort comprising "6" levels including Public Areas, Restaurants, Reception Atrium, Shops, Bars, Health Club, etc. as well as external outdoors tacilities that include but not limited to: Squash Coarts, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool, Terraces, Ponds, Foot Paths, etc., as well as the Supporting Services, Buildings, arrival jetties & resident Staff Apartments. Total built-up area is approximately 30,000 m2.

5) ANTICIPATED PROGRAMME: A) TENDER ISSUE: March, 1994.

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It is understood that EGOTH will prepare a short list of the Contractors who will be considered qualified to Execute the project based on the studies for their forms.

: Elephentine Island, Aswan. : Site area is approximately 14 ocres. 2) AREA

4) NAME OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER: SH. ARCHITECTS SALEH HAMDY
4, Abd El-Meguid El-Remaly St. Cairo - Fax: 3549095.

B) TENDER SUBMISSION: May, 1994. C) CONTRACT AWARD: June, 1994. D) POSSESSION OF SITE & ORDER TO COMMENCE: No later than 30/6/1994.



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would be quite different." How could anyone have known then what history would prove, shrugged Xii Kuangdi, the deputy mayor. "It would have been impossible," be said, for Mr. Deng to little time grounding.

There is the promise of better experiment in Shanghai only to see lives. it fail. "To lose the experiment" would be to lose perhaps 25 percent lion workers from neighboring of China's GNP."

In April 1990, after a meeting of the Central Committee, the State Council removed the constraints on trade and investment that had kept Shanghai behind.

The special regulations that had enabled the coastal provinces to take off were extended to Shanghai: tax exemptions for enterprises doing business with foreign companies, tax holidays for factories set up with foreign iovestment and a bonded zone for duty-free imports of easy materials.

Beijing said it would belp pay for the modernization of public works. That was three years ago, and Mr. Deng was still struggling against party ideologues who opposed reform, especially as China colled itself in isolation after the

crushing of campaigners for de-mocracy io June 1989.

But because the first economic experiments in Guangzhou, Zheitang, Fujian and Hainan provinces were wildly successful, Mr. Deng

could push ahead.

Whether Shanghai can rival its position of old is much contested. Some foreign investors have begun to complain that the city is gouging arrivals by more than doubling the price of leases in industri-

Although foreign investment still seems to be rushing in. a number of companies have reportedly considered Shanghai and rejected it.
Still, the city's vigorous Mayor

Ju likes to point out that while Shanghai stood by in the 1980s, it attracted only \$3.3 billion in for-But with the establishment of a "special economic zone" in Shang-hai, that same sum arrived in a single year, 1992. And this year is headed off the charts, with \$6 billion in the first 10 months.

One thing is certain. Shanghai is not getting any cheaper. With the stampede of Western and Asian corporations, the price of prime of-fice space has soured. Corporate executives are working out of closet-sized spaces, and two-bedroom apartments go for \$8,000 a month

drupled since 1985. But costs aside, almost nothing could begin without the founda-

communism replaced them with 7 million bicycles and 300,000 cars. one-tenth the number New York City, but on Shanghai's antiquated roads enough to choke them with near-constant gridlock. A trip

Although wages in Shanghai are equivalent to turn-of-the-century wages in the United States, they have doubled since 1990 and qua-

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KPMG Peat Marwick before they reach any decision. This report will out be submitted until mid-January. It therefore seems inevitable that on decision will be taken before the early spring. tion for Walt Disney Analysts

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Rockets and Sonics Show Their Class in the Clutch

The Houston Rockets and the Seattle SuperSonics, who between them have just three losses in 45 games, are showing an uncanny ability to hit big shots at the end of the few close ones they've played. The two teams with the National Basketball Association's best records both woo again Tuesday night, with Houston prevailing, 90-88, in San Antonio to improve to 22-1, and Scattle defeating Indiana, 91-88, to run its record to 20-2

overall and 12-0 at home. The Rockets had the toughest time, trailing by 88-83 with 2:46 remaining in front of 32,631 fans at the Alamodome. Hakeem Olajuwon scored for Houston before Vernoo Maxwell, who finished with 35 poiots, tied it with a 3pointer with 27 seconds left and

then won it at the buzzer.

Despite Olajuwon's 21 points, the Rockets' coach, Rudy Tomjanovich, wanted Maxwell to take the last shot. Tomjanovich didn't even call a play when the Rockets were in a huddle during a timeout.

"! just told him that we were going to get the ball io his hands." Tomjanovich said. "I told him, 'No

Drugs Ruled Out In Crash Injuring Rookie Hurley

SACRAMENTO, California -Drugs apparently did not play a role in the car crash that oearly killed the Sacramento Kings' star

rookie, Bobby Hurley. Police said tests found only a trace of methamphetamine in the urine of the other driver, Daniel

Wieland, 37, a house paioter. "No methamphetamine or amohetamine was detected in a sample of Mr. Wieland's blood," police spokesman Michael Heenan said. This would seem to indicate that the drug had been in his system for as much as several days and that he

was not under its influence on the night" of the crash. Hurley, a two-time All-American at Duke, was thrown into a ditch and suffered broken ribs, a bruised lungs and several other in-

juries on Dec. 12. He had eight hours of surgery and was in intensive care for a week. He is now listed in fair condition at University of California-

Davis Medical Center. Wieland, who suffered a hroken leg, and has denied using any drugs. Police had the county crime lab run tests on Wieland's blood and urine after a hospital test found an undetermined amount of an amphetamine in Wieland's sys-

Heenan said earlier reports that the hospital found an ampbet-

Legal drug use can produce a

methamphetamine-type substance in the body. Heenan said. He said the test results would be forwarded to the district attorney's reffice. He said he did oot know if

il. Go get il.' And he did."

Maxwell's shot came after Housonds. The teams battled through 15 New Jersey beat New York. ties -11 in the second half -and 16 lead changes.

and luckily it went in."

With their 22-1 start, the Rockets are just one victory shy of tying the 1969-70 New York Knicks for the

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

best record with one defeat in NBA history. Houston plays host to Denver on Thursday night, David Robinson led San Anto-

nio with 20 points, 13 rebounds and six steals, but the Rockets beld

wanted them" in a 109-107 overtime loss at home on Dec. 8. "We had Houston where we wanted them. It was just a series of bad events. We're not really executing down the stretch."

SuperSonics 91, Pacers 88: Seat-percent — hut sank 10 of 16 shots the got two baskets from Kendall Tuesday.

Gill in the final 1:10 and beat Indiof a knee injury.
Pierce was ejected for fighting

with Byron Scott of the Pacers at the end of the third quarter. Scott was not thrown out of the game because he did not throw a punch. Sam Perkins scored 23 points and Gary Payton 19 for Seattle, hut it was Gill who scored the impor-

tant points at the end. With only one second left on the the basket, and be scored on a dunk

for an 28-85 lead with 1:10 to go. . After Derrick McKey's free throw for the Pacers, Gill sank a 15-footer with 33 seconds left for a 90-86 Seattle lead.

Trail Blazers 100, Warriors 98: Portland rallied from a 21-point deficit to win at Golden State when Rod Strickland scooped in a layup

with 0.2 seconds remaining. The Blazers, who had put Clyde Drexler on the injured list earlier in the day because of an ankle jojury, took advantage of 2-for-15 shoot-tog by the Warriors' Chris Mullin. who finished with seven poiots in his third game since coming back from thumb surgery. Mullin scored 23 points in his first outing, but was

2-for-11 in his second. Lakers 109, Magic 102: Los Angeles rallied from a 15-2 deficit to win at Orlando, scoring 100 points for the first time lo nine games. Doug Christie scored 31 for the

Lakers, who outrebounded the Magic, 49-38, and made 10 of 11 from the foul line in the last 2:14. and II rebouods, hit a 17-footer (5 not tender them 1994 contracts by meters) after Donald Royal's layup the Monday midnight deadline. meters) after Donald Royal's layup closed the Magic to 104-102 with 40 seconds remaining.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 33 points for Orlando, but he waso't able to carry the team down the stretch despite scoring five of the

derson missed 12 of his first 15 shots, then scored eight of his 14 ton called time out with 3.1 sec- points in the final 1:33, helping

Derrick Coleman had 29 points 16 lead changes.

"Rudy just told me to get open, make something happen and take a good shot." Maxwell said. "I did. a row at home.

> Patrick Ewing, who had 23 points and 12 rebounds, hit a 3pointer to make it 82-80 with 14 seconds to play. But the Knicks missed several opportunities in the closing seconds.

Cavaliers 112, Jazz 97: Brad Daugherty overcame the effects of an inner-ear disorder and scored 26 points for Cleveland against Utah. whose four-game winning streak

him to 5-for-20 shooting.

"It's very frustrating." Robinson said. "We had Seattle where we to 15, only the second time in 25 games be scored less than 20.

Daugherty has been diagnosed with vertigo, an inner-ear disturbance that can affect one's balance. He had been shooting 46 percent -



Robert Horry brushed off the Suns' Megele Knight while grabbing a rebound, but the Rockets had more trouble upping their record to 22-1.

The continue of the fourth quarter and Shawn Keepp for the game because Tt's Arizona vs. Boston, Both Sporting 7-0 Records

Both teams would likely be on guard when No. 13 Arizona and No. 12 Boston College squared off Wednesday night in the semifinals of the Maui lovitational in Lahaina, Hawaii.

The backcourts would be the main attraction coming off impres-24-secood clock. Nate McMillan sive performances in Tuesday's inbounded the ball to Gill under opening-round victories that put opening-round victories that put both teams at 7-0.

Khalid Reeves had a career-high 32 points and his partner Damon Stoudamire added 16 io Arizona's 98-79 victory over pesky Notre

Howard Eisley had 20 points and eight assists and Malcolm Huckaby added 10 points and six assists as

both saw limited time in the Eagles'

By Murray Chass

new free agents has hurst onto ma-jor league baseball's winter market.

led by Gregg Olson, the Baltimore

Orioles' closing relief pitcher,

whose Olsoo's sudden, surprising

hut cautious interest among other

The players became free agents

Contrary to earlier expectations of

general managers that the number

of contendered players would rise

significantly from last year's 39, this marked the first year since

Relief pitchers - 15 in all -

1989 that the oumber dropped.

availability aroused widespread

New York Times Service NEW YORK — A group of 35

108-61 victory over host Chamin-"This is going to be known as the tournament of stellar backcourts." said Notre Dame's coach, John MacLeod, whose team has lost to both schools this season. "It'a going to be a great contest. Boston Col-

COLLEGE BASKETBALL experienced and so deep. They have speed and everything MacLeod went deep into the the-

saurus to talk about Reeves. "He's a great player, a rocket, a hyper jet," MacLeod said, "There's lots of horsepower in that guy." lo the other semifinal matchup, fifth-ranked Kentucky, which beat

dominated the group, but one starter, Greg Hihbard, let go by the Chicago Cubs, most likely will at-

tract the most attention after Ol-

The 27-year-old Olson, a right-

hander, had 29 saves in 35 opportunities last season, but an ailing el-

bow limited him to eight innings

The Orioles have tried to sign

Olson, and Doug Melvin, their as-

sistant general manager, said they would coorinue to try to sign him.

But the Orioles didn't want to take

a chance on winding up in salary arbitration with a pitcher who this

year earned \$2.3 million and could

gain a healthy raise based on his 1993 performance, then have a re-currence of the elbow problem in

spring training.

after the All-Star break

a 98-77 winner over Tennessee

Arizona couldn't pot Notre Dame (2-4) away until the final four minutes. The Wildcats finally took control by forcing turnovers and scoring easy baskets.

Notre Dame got the lead down to 82-76, but Reeves scored the lege kept us at bay. They are so next five points, the last three on his fifth 3-pointer of the game that gave him his career high, one point better than his effort against Ore-gon State last season. He was 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

Stoudamire hit a 3-pointer with 3:41 left to make it 90-77 and Notre Dame was out of comebacks. Monty Williams led Notre Dame

with 24 points, just off his 28-point

do is sign Olson to a contract with a

base salary of \$1.84 million or less

and bonus provisions for consider-

ably more money based on games and innings pitched. A salary of \$1.84 million would represent a 20

percent cut, which would have been

the maximum cut if the club had

tendered the pitcher a contract. If a

club doesn't tender a contract, it

can cut a player's salary by any

amount if he wants to re-sign.

from 3-point range with Eisley leading the way at 6-for-7. He was one of six Eagles in double figures.

No. 5 Kentucky 86, Texas 61: The Wildcats (5-1) did an out-standing defensive job on the Texas backcourt of Terrence Rencher and B.J. Tyler, and Jered Prickett came up big with 14 points and a career-

high 14 rebounds.

Pieper scored nine of his 14 points
Kentucky led 37-27 at halftime, in the run; Tech (1-4) failed to

and we're hopeful we can work out

an agreement over the next week or

so. That having been said, Gregg

does have the opportunity to ex-

The Cubs tried to trade Hibbard

during the past week, but it was

obvious to other clubs that they

would let him go if they failed to

Among other players not ten-

San Francisco, Jack Armstrong

and John Habyan of Kansas City

plore other options."

make a deal.

minade 61: The Eagles set a tourna-

ment record for margin of victory as they held the Silverswords (0-4)

scoreless for the game's opening 6:55 while taking an 18-0 lead. Bos-ton College had a 42-24 rebound-

ing advantage and went 11-for-17

as \$1-52 with 5:03 left. Tony Delk led Kennicky with 15 points; Reggie Freeman led the Longhorns (2-4) with 18 points.

No. 10 Purdue 74, Tean.-Chatta-nooga 66: In West Lafayette, Indiana, Glenn Robinson, who missed eight of his first 10 shots, but came back to score 36 points and pace Purdue (9-0) to a hard-fought vic-

tory over the Moccasins (3-2). No. 24 Marquette 84, La. Tech 48: In Milwaukee, the Warriors (6-2) went on a 27-0 tear to turn a 16-14 game into a laugher with a 43-14 bulge at intermission. Anthony Pieper scored nine of his 14 points

hroke it open with a 27-17 run to score for over 10 mitake a 66-44 lead with 10:38 to play of the half. Orioles' Pitcher Olson Enters Free-Agent Market

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1994, \$900,000 in 1995 and \$1,125,000 in 1996. Montreal has a

Infielder Lance Blankenship and

Oakland agreed to a \$550,000, one-

year deal, a cut of \$77,500. And

pitcher James Austin and the New York Yankees agreed to a minor-

league contract.

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tion-cligible players.

Why Lewis Can't Fight Holyfield

By Gerald Eskenazi

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Bob Lee, the head of the International Boxing Federation, took an outrageous position this week: He attempted to infuse morality into the sport.

"I've been trying for a long time," he said, "but it's not easy." It is the reason, he said, that he denied Evander Holyfield's petition for a heavyweight title unification bout against Lennox Lewis.

Lee is tilting against the windmill powers behind Holyfield, who holds the IBF and World Boxing Association crowns. Lewis is the

World Boxing Council champion. Holyfield, who has earned al-most \$90 million, wants to fight Lewis. But, Lee disclosed Tuesday that he had been in contact with the WBA and that on Monday he had told Holyfield that neither the IBF nor the WBA will sanction the Lewis bout as a ritle tight. He said the only title fight those two groups will sanction would be between Holyfield and the unbeaten Michael Moorer, who is ranked as the top challenger by both organiza-

Holyfield had decided last week that the allure of being the unified heavyweight champion was irre-sistible. He would continue light-

ing if he could meet Lewis. That seemed simple enough, and desirable enough. After all, the fight game almost always is defined by the impact of the heavyweight king. And having a single ruler over that fistic domain makes it near and tidy and significant.

But not so fast. Moorer had been sidestepped once — last month, when Riddick Bowe fought Holyfield even

contender. Moorer agreed to that so-called "step-aside." Since Moorer is promoted by Dan Duva, who also happens to be Holyfield's co-promoter, the challenger has again agreed to step aside for a Holyfield-Lewis bout. But Lee wants none of that.

"Fine that he went along," said Lee. "But why should he continue to be ranked at the top and be a logiam? Boxing is going to return to the 1940s and 1950s if we don't have the top challenger fighting for the title. In the old days, they did what they wanted. People today say there are no rules in boxing. But

we've got rules." Holyfield owned all three major titles before losing to Riddick

At the same time, clobs contin-ned signing free agents and made more early deals with their arbitra-Bowe more than a year ago. In the interim, Bowe ceded his WBC title rather than have a mandatory defense against Lewis. So when Holyfield defeated Bowe in Montreal catcher Darrin Fletcher, barely eligible for arbitration their rematch last mooth, he got back one less title than he bad orig-

eague service, got the hig deal of the day, a three-year contract worth \$2,625,000. inally lost. It is possible that the IBF and WBA may insist that, if Moorer Fletcher, 27, hit .255 last season declines to meet Holyfield, then the with nine homers and 60 RBIs and champioo must face the secondrated challenger, Oliver McCall.

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What the Orioles would like to would be to stay with Baltimore,

that doctors who tested the elbow son and Jeff Innis of the New York within the last week "as part of the Orioles' evaluation" offered "position of the Cubs, Jeff Brantley of Smith of the Cubs, Jeff Brantley of

"In our view the nontender is not and Luis Aquino of Florida, Da-a particularly significant develop-ment one way or the other," and Luis Aquino of Florida, Da-mon Berryhill of Atlanta, Jerald Clark of Colorado, Keith Miller

"Clearly, Gregg's first choice and Kevin Reimer of Milwankee."









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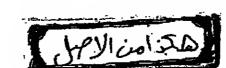






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Meet Expectations

By Ken Shulman Special to the Herald Tribune

VAL GARDENA, Italy - Few eople expected Austria's Gunther Mader to be battling for the top position in this year's World Cup overall standings. And virtually no one thought that Luxembourg's Mare Girardelli would be struggling just to stay in contention. But Mader, who has never won

the World Cup, is off to a brilliant start, having won two of his first five races and having placed well in several others. Girardelli, skiing's only five-time World Cup champion has been among the top 10 finishers just twice in Il outings this year. Even worse, he has twice failed to fmish, and suffered the further humiliation of not qualifying for the second run of the giant slalom in Val D'Isère, France, with a dismal 46th-place showing in the

first run.
"I've learned that no matter how had a situation looks, it can always get worse, said the 30-year-old Girardelli, who edged Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodi for last year's World Cup crown. "I'm working hard. I just can't seem to get results. I won't know whether I'll be able to win a sixth World Cup until I can figure out what has happened to

Mader. 29. finished fourth in overall competition last season. "I don't even want to think about the World Cup," said the 10year veteran, who seems a hit startled by his early provess and by the

"At the beginning of this year, I took a good hard look at last year's

he said. "This year I've trained harder, and I've made certain adjustments in technique and with my equipment. Things are a lot better for me now than they were last

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Mader and Girardelli have a lot in common. They are among the oldest and most experienced skiers on the tour. Each began his World Cup career with a fiasco: a 16-yearold Girardelli finished 46th in his first World Cup race, more than 12 seconds off the winning time. At 17. Mader fell in his World Cap debut, a giant slalom.

Both are four-event skiers. They are also both fathers - Girardelli with one child, Mader with two and both rely on private coaches. Girardelli is trained by his father Helmut, while Mader's preparation is supervised by Robert Trankwalder, who has coached the Austrian since childhood. Mader's insistence on having Trankwalder by his side has caused him to feud with the powerful Austrian Ski Federation. Girardelli, who was born in Austria, left his native country in 1975 for Luxembourg rather than accept another coach.

But the most important similar-ity that binds Girardelli and Mader s ability, an ability that makes both men prime contenders for medals at the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Girardelli is, quite simply, the most successful skier on the men's World Cup tour. The 14-year-veteran has participated in more races



Elena Vaelbe, left, and Lubov Egorova helped the Russian A tearn dominate the women's World Cup 4x5-kilometer relay race Wednesday in Dobbiaco, Italy. Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan, who led from start to finish, then beat Silvio Fauner of Italy and Bjorn Daeblie of Norway in the men's 15-kilometer cross country pursuit free style for his third victory in four World Cup races this season.

any other active skier. He has won He missed the 1984 Sarajevo sional obligations. Yet be continraces in all four Alpine disciplines. In world championship and Olympic competitioo, Girardelli including three World Championship golds, and silver medals in the giant slalom and the super-G at the 1992 Winter Olympics at Albert-ville. The one prize that has chuded him, however, is an Olympic gold.

Games because he did not yet have ues to train harder than almost any a Luxembourg passport. He broke his elbow and several ribs three leads all skiers — both active and weeks before the 1988 games in retired — with a total of 12 medals. Calgary, and although he did compete, he was far from peak form.

This summer, Girardelli underwent surgery on his right knee for the third time in order in be able to race again. At the beginning of the season, he announced that he had (341) and won more World Cup Girardelli has not been particulost all motivation, and that he was skiing's most consistent perform-discipline in which all-around skimedals (87, with 42 victories) than larly lucky in Olympic competition. only competing to fulfill his profesers. finishing in the top 10 of the ers like Mader, Girardelli, and Aa-

other skier oo the tour, squeezing in slalom and giant slalom sessions between last weekend's hack-tohack downhills at Val Gardena. And while he won't discuss it his prime motivation is clearly this last chance of Olympic victory in Feb-

While not as prolifie as Girardelli. Mader has been one of

World Cup standings five out of the past six seasons. He has won lour medals in three World Championships, and was a surprise bronze medal winner in the 1992 Olympic downhill. His record also shows 10 career victories in World Cup racing. Five of those victories have come in the super-G. an exciting, sometimes dangerous hybrid of downhill and giant slalom that requires both speed and skill. It is a discipline in which all-around skimodt excel

"This is my best event at the oment," said Mader, who amuses himself with mountain hiking and windsurfing in the off-season. "In downhill, you have two training runs to help you understand the course. In super-G, you go almost as fast as you do in downhill but you have no training run. There is soccer as an Olympic medal sport.

In September, ACOG announced the selection of Miami and Orlando, in Florida:

gates, This is what makes super-G

> In the Olympics, Mader is hop-ing to make up for an error of judgment that cost him the victory in the 1992 Games' super-G at Val D'Isère.

"I was heading too straight before I hit the flat section." he said, recalling his disappointing seventh-place finish. "If I hadn't made that 8-3, for third place.

The Olympic team, coached by Viktor But there are a lot of races between

Austrian Trinkl Steals Super-G From the Stars

Alpine skiing's elite racers were knocked off their pedestals races. Daeblie is second, with one Wednesday when Hannes Trinkl, victory and 236 points. an unsung Austrian, made an

51st, profited from improved con-ditions in win in 1 minuted, 4.42 seconds.

Italy's Werner Perathoner, another skier without a distinguished track record, came second in 1:05.02 after starting 41st. Trinkl's teammate. Armin As-

singer, who had already given a winner's press conference, was dropped back to third, at 1:5.10.
"Normally a race is over by the time the 51st racer goes but today the piste just got better and better. Trinkl said.

The heavy-set farmer's son kissed his skis as if to thank them for the good run and called it "a super Christmas present."

Organizers had to clear masses of overnight snow from the track. and the first group of competitors struggled with loose snow and less than ideal visibility on the upper stretch.

The conditions were so bad that 13 gates and 400 meters were lopped from the tough top section of the course. Kjetil Andre Aamodt's eighth

place was good enough to give the Norwegian the World Cup overall lead. He replaced Alberto Tomba. who refuses to ski the speed races. Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg. who has not won since claiming his fifth World Cup overall title last March, was pushed back to fifth. At first he thought his time of

1:5.27 was good enough to equal his best so far finish, a third, this Girardelli, who raced in the sec-ond group of 15, had waited through two delays before skiing. Norway's Atle Skaardal was

sixth, ahead of the surprising Janne Leskinen of Finland, who also took advantage of a late start. Aamedt, the Olympic champion who also is looking for his first

victory this season, was two hundredths of a second slower. Günther Mader, who went off fifth, was timed 1:5.46 and finished

in 10th place. Olympic downhill champion down the icy truck with starting Patrick Ordieb of Austria, who number 66 to snatch away victory. won his first World Cup race in last week's downhall at Val Gurdena. a fast 72,029 kilometers per hour. traly, skied of the course, He start- won in 1:15.62, just eight hun-

ed only after being given medicine to combat flu · Vladimir Smrtney of Kazakhstan, showing impressive form in the initial stages of the Nordic

men's World Cup season, won Wednesday for the third time in four races as he defeated Silvio Fauner of halp and Bjorn Duchlie of Norway in the 15-kilometer cross country pursuit free style race in Dolbbiaco, Italy. Smirnov, 29, who won the 10-K

classic style event Tuesday, gave an encore later by completing the 15 kilometers in 59 minutes, 4.9 seconds. He led from the start to fin-

Fauner came in 28.3 seconds behind, with Duehlie, the defeoding World Cup overall champion, a second behind Fauner.

Finland's Jari Isometsa and Mika Myllyla finished fourth and fifth, respectively, ahead of the Norwegian due of Sture Siversten and Thomas Alsgaard.

Isometsa and Siversten placed second and third, behind Saurnov. in Tuesday's opener of the two-day World Cup program in the northem Italian resort.

Japan's Kazunari Sasaki was 16th, narrowly behind Norwegian great Vegard Ulvang.

Wednesday's victory extended LECH AM ARLBERG. Austria Smirnov's World Cup overall lead to a commanding 350 points in four In an earlier race on the same ski

amazing late run to steal the men's ring. Russian teams finished 1-2 in the women's World Cup super-giant slalom.

The 25-year-old, who started meter relay race. The Russian A team of Larisa Lazutina, Olga Danilova, Lubov

Egorova and Elena Vacibe, domi-

nated the race and was clocked in 49 minutes, 49 seconds. Vaelbe, the World Cup leader. surprisingly finished third in Tuesday's individual 15-K classic, won

Italy's Manuela Di Centa. Di Centa was in the Italian quartet with Stefania Belmondo, Gabriella Paruzzi and Guidina Dal Sasso that placed third in the relay. 35.4 seconds behind the winners.

The next races — for both mer and women - are scheduled at Kavgolovo, Russia, on Jan. 8-9.

Slovenia's **Koren Pulls** Own Upset

FLACHAU, Austria - Katja Koren, an 18-year-old high school student from Maribor, Slovenia, won Wednesday's women's super-G in sensational fashion, two days after countryman Jure Kosir posted the young republic's first World Cup victory in a special slalom at Madonna di Campiglio, Italy,

While the small Slovenian con-tingent celebrated victory, the pow-erful Austrian team slithered into a debacle on an icy track.

"I felt like a beginner." said in-termediate World Cup leader Ania Wachter, who finished a humiliating 45th, 5.85 seconds — light years in alpine skiing — behind the wu-ner. Ulrike Meier in 13th place posted the best Austrian finish.

Biblana Perez of Italy, another relatively unknown on the women's circuit, had aiready completed interviews as the apparent winner of the race when Koren schussed Koren, whose average speed was

Koren won prize money totaling

250,000 schillings, (\$20,833), which equals about 2.5 million Slovenian tolars and is an incredible sum in her national currency. "I don't even know what I can

boy with all that money," she said. Koren is the youngest member of a Slovenian team that is short of money but rich in talent and apparently thriving despite the departure of such greats as Mateja Sret, a former Olympic statom winner. and slalom specialist Bojan Krizaj. Alenka Dovzan of Slovenia, an-

other newcomer, was fifth in-1:16.95.

The track was so slippery that the top skiers complained they could not control their skies, and Germany's Katja Seizinger fin-ished third after veering off just a little on the bottom part of the track.

That was enough to cost her the victory.

Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden, another of the favornes, finished only sixth in 1:17.26, ahead of Astrid Loedeniel of Norway, in 1:17.27. and Michaela Gerg-Leitner of Ger-many, in 1:17.60.

USOC Rules That Sur Can't Compete in Lillehammer Games

NEW YORK - Gorsha Sur's efforts to cess.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said Tuesday that the 26-year-old Russian would not be allowed to compete with partner Rence Roca for a berth on the U.S. team for the Lillehammer Games because his citizenship application was still before Congress. Sur has been trying to become an American Olympian since defecting in 1990.

His application for early citizenship is pending before Congress, which won't re-convene until Jan. 25. Olympic rosters must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee by Jan. 30

month requested an extension from the USOC after it became clear that action on

Sur! application would not be finished by

help the United States win its first medal in A bill granting Sur accelerated citizenship U.S. citizenship and this year Olympic ice dancing since 1976 appear to be has passed a House panel but still must be thon World Championship. approved by the full House and the Senate. Under normal rules. Sur would not be ebgible for citizenship until 1996.

The USOC said it had granted extensions in past cases where an athlete had received ngressional approval for citizenship and had only to be sworn in before the Games, But Sur's case was different since final Capitol Hill action had not been taken.

So, barring a last-minute numaround that both athletes and officials don't anticipate, the dream of Olympic glory in 1994 is gone.

As frustrating as this is for two fine kids. ommittee by Jan. 30. The U.S. Figure Skaring Association last sion," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said. "This would set a precedent."

The USOC took a similar stand in 1992 to

the marathon. Plaatjes since has acquired U.S. citizenship and this year won the Mara-

Sur and Roca are defending national ice dance champions and considered capable of gaining an Olympic medal. They have been impressive in several recent international

"I knew the timing would be tight, but I didn't expect it would be this tight," Sur said. "I'm all right. We just have to get ourselves together and get back on the ice." The men's and women's soccer medal

games for the 1996 Olympics will be held in Sanford Stadium on the campus of the University of Georgia, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games announced.

The university is in Athens, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) portheast of Atlanta, which will host the Games. The soccer finals were

the time Congress broke for its boliday re- chance to compete for an Olympic berth in Atlanta, but structural changes there forced the move,

Four matches - the gold and bronze medal games in each division - will be played in Athens, It will be the first time for women's

Birmingham, Alahama, and Washington, D.C., as sites for preliminary soccer matches. Sanford Stadnim seats 85,434, but skyboxes are now being added that will raise the capacity to 86.143, making it the fourth largest on-campus stadium in the country.

The Russian Olympic hockey team defeated the Russian national team, 8-1, to win the title in the Izvestia's Cup tournament in Moscow after Sweden whipped Team USA,

Tikhonov, scored four goals in the opening now and February. Let's just hope f

SIDELINES

players was announced Wednesday. No site or date was given for the tournament, expected to take place late in 1994.

television networks: Hong Kong's Star-TV, Britain's Sky-TV, Filmnet of Africa and Europe and ABC of the United States.

Agassi and Krajicek to Miss Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (Combined Dispatches) - Andre Agassi and Richard Krajicek, two of the muruament's major drawing cards, have withdrawn from next month's Australian Open tennis champion-

Agassi, hampered for the last year by tendinitis in his right wrist, underwent surgery Monday afternoon in Santa Barhara. California. and probably won't play again until February. Krajicek is seeking treatment or a knee problem.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Tracy Austin and three-time Australian Open winner Mats Wilander will play in the year's first Grand Slam

A Guilty Plea in NFL Cocaine Case SANTA ANA, California (AP) - Tracy Ann Donaho, 20, a former

cheerleader for the Los Angeles Rams, has pleaded guilty to drug conspiracy charges in an agreement with prosecutors who allege that Darryl Henley, a cornerback for the NFL team, ran a nationwide cocaine ring from his home in Brea, Cali-

Henley, 27, was indicted this month by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles on conspiracy and possession charges. He denies the charges and is free on \$200,000 bail. His trial has been set for Feh.

For the Record

people around the globe, was watched by just 313,000 U.S. households, seconding to figures released by ESPN.

Baseball's Ochiai Is Japan's Best Paid

TOKYO - Hiromitsu Ochiai, who shopped for a better deal under Japanese baseball's new free agent system, has become the nation's highest-paid athlete in any sport with a salary estimated at 360 million yen (\$3.24 million).

Meanwhile, an American has set a record for earnings in the ancient Japanese sport of sumo. Akebono or Chad Rowan, received 79.2 million yen (\$714,000) in salary and prize money in 1993, breaking the previous record of 65 million yen set by former rokozuna, or grand champion, Chivono-

The 40-year-old Ochiai, a triple crown winner in 1982, 1985 and 1986, signed for his big 1994 contract with the Yomium Giants, despite having his worst season in 13 years in 1993. He batted .285

nd 17 home runs and 65 runs batted in for the Chunichi Dragons, who paid him an estimated 270 million yen. But he was one of five players who announced Nov. 8 that they were becoming free agents - the first to do so in Japanese baseball

Jockey Take Yutaka was Japan's second highest paid sports figure, at 155 million yen, as he reained the leading tockey title for the first time in three years.

Akebono, the first foreigner ever to rise to sumo's top rank of vokozuna, won four tournaments in 1993 as he raised his earnings by 30 million ven from the previous year. Akebono, 24, has a chance to exceed 100 million ven in 1994 because the prize for tournament winners is being doubled from 5 million to 10 million ven.

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New Golf Tournament Announced NEW YORK (AFP) — A \$2 million international team golf champion-ship matching the U.S. Ryder Cup team against Southern Hemisphere

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ship, organizers said Wednesday.

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Skip Holtz, 29, the son of Notre Dame's coach, Lou Holtz, and until Wednesday his father's offensive coordinator, was hired as the University of Connecticut's football

The World Cup draw, estimated to have been seen by 500 million

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Dog Days at Christmas

WASHINGTON — Joe Daniel told me that he had done all his Christmas shopping except for

his dog, Cooper. "I wish I could come up with something to surprise him," he

"Does Cooper believe in Santa "I don't think so. He tried to bite

one in front of J. C. Penney yesterday and the Santa called him a 'bad dog.'

"How did

Cooper react to "He went over to a lamppost as

if nothing had happened."

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"Why don't you give him an oriental rug to thew on?"
"We did that last Christmas. The insurance company refused to replace it. Cooper is high mainte-

"I read where one of the most popular gifts for dogs was a pet door. Whenever the dog goes in or out, it plays 'Hail to the Chief.'

Henry Moore Heir **Loses Court Fight** For His Works

ONDON — The daughter of the late sculptor Henry Moore has lost a coun battle for control of some of his greatest works.

The judgment in the London High Court means that hundreds of Moore's most important sculptures and drawings will remain at his rural Hertfordshire home.

Mary Danowski, only daughter of the British artist, who died in 1996 at the age of 88, is locked in a biller dispute with the charitable foundation set up by Moore in the final years of his life to keep his works intact. Danowski wanted a ruling that the disputed works by her father in the last 10 years of his life remained his personal property and should have passed to her.

music. Every time we play Henry Mancini he starts barking his head

"What about a basket of dog food with a great bottle of white

'Cooper doesn't like white wine. He's really very difficult." "I don't suppose that a T-bone

steak would impress him either." "Every time we come home from a restaurant we bring him a steak. Cooper expects more from us at boliday times.

"I have a friend, Margot Tenenbaum, who gave her dog a mink coat. Would that make any sense?" "It would except that if Cooper wore it to the park the other dogs would attack him. Many canines become enraged when they see a dog wearing a coat other than his

"We must not give up. Why cot a new plush, cushy, yummy bed made in China?"

"That won't work. Cooper sleeps at the end of our bed, and every time we try to put him out he jumps right back onto ours."

"Your dog seems terribly fussy."
"He's oot fussy about the family's Christmas presents. If we don't tie him up, he'll ehew up every package under the tree." "What about a ruhber bone that plays the theme from Doctor Zhi-

"We gave him a squeaky ball last time, and he never even ran after it. What you have to understand about Cooper is that he is very impredictable. Some days he would much rather chase a live squirrel than a dead Frisbee. What he hates the most is a new leash and collar. He's not too happy about dog tags

An idea came to me. "What about having Cooper's portrait tak-en by Nelson Deckelbaum, the best pet photographer in town?" Joe wasn't too sure that Cooper

would go for it.
"If I was a dog, that's what I would want. It's something that Cooper could keep forever," I said, "Maybe you're right. I'm also going to buy him a Wedgwood dog dish in case he's not happy with the t olographer and decides that Christmas is a complete waste."

In London, It's 'Estuary English'

By John Darnton New York Times Service

ONDON — If Henry Higgins were to stroll past the flower vendors in Coveni Garden today, he might well catch an accent that would send him scurrying back to his phonetics laboratory.

What manner of accent is this? A bit of the East End, surely. Listen to those diphthongs. But what can one make of that disappearing "L" sound? And the "R" that sounds like a

A new accent seems to be establishing itself around London, a hybrid between the Queen's English and what many would describe as cockney. Though it has been called "estuary English," out of deference to its birthplace along the Thames, it has spread in recent years throughout the southeast and as far west as Bristol.

"Language changes and, of course, reflects society, said John Wells, professor of phonetics at University College London. "Now society is more fluid. People can rise in a way

they couldn't have 50 years ago.

"Here we have the upper middle class adopting elements of speech from below and making it standard. You can even see it with younger members of the royal family, exclud-ing, of course, Prince Charles. But Princess Di — definitely."

The accent is spoken by those who would not mind slepping up a notch or two socially and by those from the upper classes who want to trade down to achieve wider social accept-

Its practitioners include celebrities like Nigel Kennedy, the classical violinist, and Paul Merton, a game show host. It is ready-made for politicians because they can use it to cruise through the various social strata. Among those who speak it are Lord Tebbit, a Conservative member of the House of Lords and a leading Euroskeptic, and Ken Living-stone, who as a Labor member of Parliament is on the opposite end of the political spec-

The accent is characterized by a oumber of elements. Most prominent is a glottal stop replacing the letter "T," so that the word

"huter," for example, comes out "hu'er,"
The glottal stop — essentially a closing of
the throat that one linguist compared to "the
thing you do when you bend down to pick up
a heavy object or when you cough" — can
substitute for a "T," "P," or "K" sound.
Examples provided by The Sunday Times recently include "qui'right," "sta'ement,"
"sea'belt," and "te'nical" for "quite right,"
"statement," "seal belt" and "technical,"

"London has been in the forefront of sound changes in English for at least 500 years." Wells said. "And I predict that in 100 years glottal stops will he widespread. So will the vocalization of 'L.' The vocalization means that the "L's" are swallowed in the



middle or at the end of words. "St. Paul's"

Vocalization is not a new development. Between two and three centuries ago, for example, English people began vocalizing their "R's," a change that most Americans resisted. Today, an Englishman reading a speech by Franklin D. Roosevelt would say, "We have nothing to fea' hut fea' itself."

Because the accent is used by millions around London and is the rage among many young people — it is the lingua franca of MTV-type programs — some linguists and phonencians believe that it may someday become the dominant pattern of speech here. As a standard form, it would replace "received pronunciation," or R.P., which is the pruper term for what some call the Queen's English or BBC English.

It has, of course, one supreme advantage. It seems classless. In a country where speech is so much an emblem of social caste that George Bernard Shaw could write, "It is impossible for an Englishman to open his mouth without making some other English-man despise him," estuary English is a great leveler. No one is likely to hate you simply for

"A lot of people in the City speak it," said Peter Rosengard, a successful life insurance salesman. "It's disarming - no one tries to

place you and figure out where you come from and what school you went to." The term "estuary English" was coined in 1984 by David Rosewarne, a linguist who is a senior lecturer in English at Kingsway College, London. "I studied applied linguistics in London and it struck me that the descriptions used didn't cover the speech of a lot of people

that I was hearing every day," he said.

A major factor in the development of the accent, he believes, was the spread in the intended to break down the old British barriers between academic and vocational schoul-

People from different linguistic backgrounds came together in the schools and they had to get on together," Rosewarne said.
"The change took place in both directions."
Tom McArthur, editor of The Oxford Companion to the English Language, prefers the term "the new London voice" to estuary

English. "But it's not really new," he said,
"What it is is a kind of enunpromise or meeting point or marriage between popular English going up and the Queen's English coming down," he said. "Of course it's bound up with issues of class and politics. The Engsh — and I use the term advisedly, I'm not talking about the Scots — the English are par excellence deeply involved in class distinc-

Larry King Condensed

day radio talk show, currently ceipts of \$15.3 million. heard on more than 300 stations. and that one option could be a CNN's "Larry King Live" will run

Princess Diana returned to the himelight less than a week after giving the impression she was withdrawing from public duties to lead a more private life. She opened a don and then ran the gauntiet of a pack of press photographers to at-tend a reception with charity workers and journalists. Buckingham Palace said she was acting in a private capacity and there was no intention of inviting the media. But organizers of the event sent out press releases and said they had informed the princess that journalists would be present.

More than 40 country music stars, including Garth Brooks, Billy Ray Cyrus, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Mark Chesnutt and Mary-Nelson, Mark Chesnutt and Mary-Chapin Carpenter, are launching a U.S. campaign to prevent the spread of AIDS, especially in rural America. The campaign, which will be kicked off in Washington on Jan. 13 by Kristine Gebbie, the federal AIDS policy coordinator, is to feature the country stars in public service amouncements on radio and television. Clint Black will say in a spot: "You know AIDS isn't just some big city problem. An estimated I onl of every 250 Americans is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. And that includes small towns and rural comcludes small towns and rural communities and counties all across the country. Break the silence."

The Grateful Dead was the top grossing concert act of 1993 in the United States, according to Performance magazine, a concert and touring trade journal, and sold 1.6 million tickets to earn gross re-ccipts of nearly \$44.5 million, Paul

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

Larry King apparently saving McCartney followed, with just un-himself for television, has decided der I million tickets and receipts of to cut back his radio schedule. With \$32.3 million. Runner-ups. in orhis contract for the Mutual Broad- der, were Rod Stewart, Bette casting System running out in October, The Washington Post reported that he is looking at alternatives to his three-hour week-day radio talk show a marketile.

Molly Ivins, the syndicated colsingle weekly program. Do not unnist who is feared for her well-fear. He says his contract for aimed political barbs, has been encouraged by an editorial in The Nation to run for the Texas Senate seat now held by Kay Bailey Futchison. "This is like being invit-

Adam Horovitz, a member of the refuge for young runaways in London and then ran the gauntiet of a charged with attacking a television pack of press photographers to at cameraman and stealing as television cameraman and stealing list video tape outside a memorial service held at Horovitz's home last month for the actor River Phoenix. Horovitz has been asked to voluntarily show up for a municipal court arraignment on Jan. 6.

> Wait for it. And Rose's former ? fiancee lost a bid to keep some of the bickering couple's dirty linen under wraps. A judge refused to seal court records in the assault lawsuits filed by the Guns N' Roses singer and the model Stephanie Seymour. Her lawyer said that Rose "would be in a position to say things in a deposition that would he defamatory." Rose contends Seymour punched, hit and kicked him without provocation while he was sitting at the kitchen table. She

The Film Censors Office of New Zealand turned back a move to lift a 17-year-old ban on Pier Paolo Pasolini's last film, "Salo: 120 Days of Sodom." The censors, who unanimously voted to keep the ban. said the movie was "repellent." It is an attack on fascism which includes scenes of sexual torture and

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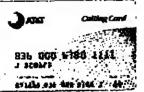
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Kitzbuhel	25	50	Good				Conditions much improved
Saalbach	35	55	Good	Fax	Police	21/12	AR little open, more snow expected
Schledmens	10	80	Good				Fresh snow on hard, icy bese
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France		_					
Alpe d'Huez	50	140	Good	Fair	Var	21/12	Improved sking after recent snow
Les Arcs	55	200	Good	Fair	Pwdr	21/12	15cm of tresh snow
Avoriaz	80	90			Var	22/12	Colder weather and enoweds
Chamonix	30	170	Good				Much improved stung still randy
Counchevel		155		Good			Fresh snow on hard base
Les Deux Alpes		180	Good	Fatt	1,91	21/12	Most litts open, good slung, windy
Flaine	25	90	Good				Much colder, fresh snow
scla	70	30	F-W	M,GLO			Reasonable sking evalence
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Cervinia			Good	Good			Generally good skiling, still windy
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Selva		40		Fair			Most lifts and pases open
Seetnère	30	80	Fadir	Fair	Var	21/12	Hard packed anow
Horway							
Trysil	75	105	Good	Good	Ver	16/12	All filts open, good skiing
Spain				-			
Baquiera-Beret	10	40	Fair	FBW	Herd	21/12	Some recent treat anow
Switzerland							
Arosa	40		Good				improved conditions, new snow
Crans Montana	20	100	Good	Patr	Pwdy	22/12	Fresh arrow on verted base
Devos	30	135	Good	Fair			Prest snow, generally good skiling
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St.Moritz	20	105	Fat	Pair	Var	14/12	Hard pecked snow
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Zermett	25	160	Fale	Clark	Var	21/12	High whois still causing problems
U.S.							
Aspen	98	100	Good	Good	Pwdr	20/12	All lifts open, good skiing
Killington	40	100	Good				Fresh snow and good skiing
Mammoth	45	90	Good	Good	Var	16/12	Most lifts open, generally good
Park City	58	70	Good	Faur			Mountain about 665 open
Steamboat	100	143	Good	Good	Pwdr	21/12	Great skiing, 19:20 tilts open
Tetluride	7B	93	Good	Good	Pwd	20/12	All lifts open, good sking
Vail	7B	100	Good	Good	Pwdr	20/12	Good sining, all but one lift open
Winter Park	113	128	Good	Good	Pwdr	20/12	All lifts open, good sking

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